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KMF makes another bid to raise milk prices, in vain

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Yet another attempt by the KMF to raise milk prices to provide relief to milk farmers has been, for now, spiked by the government.

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More tough questions in SSLC exam this year

BENGALURU

Students writing the SSLC exam this year will have to face more tough questions. The KSEEB has increased the number of tough questions from 10% to 20% for the 2022-23 board exam.

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Ranil Wickremesinghe elected President of crisis-hit Sri Lanka

In 225-member House, he garners support from 134

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Six-time Prime Minister and Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe was on Wednesday elected President of Sri Lanka – a post he has coveted but never held in his nearly half-century-long political career – amid an extraordinary political crisis set off by the island nation's painful economic crash.

Mr. Wickremesinghe won 134 votes in the 225-member Parliament in a three-way contest. Dullas Alahapperuma, a formerly Rajapaksa-aligned, now independent MP, won 82 votes, despite several Independent lawmakers, the main Opposition, and most minority parties, pledging support to him on Tuesday, a day before voting in a secret ballot. The leftist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna's candidate Anura Kumara Dissanayake won three votes. Two MPs from the Tamil National People's Front (TNPF) abstained.

Taking charge: Ranil Wickremesinghe speaking with soldiers outside the Parliament in Colombo on Wednesday. • AFP

"The time for division is over," Mr. Wickremesinghe said in his first remarks after clinching Presidency. He urged all political parties to come together to take the country on the path of economic recovery.

This is the third unlikely elevation this year for Mr. Wickremesinghe, 73, who is the United National Party's sole MP – entering not with an election win, but through the national list, based on the party's vote share in the 2020 general elections.

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Zubair walks out of jail as SC grants bail in U.P. cases

Court says the power of arrest must be used sparingly

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

Alt News co-founder and fact-checker Mohammed Zubair walked out of the Tihar Jail hours after the Supreme Court granted him interim bail on Wednesday in six cases registered by the Uttar Pradesh Police accusing him of hurting religious feelings through his Twitter posts.

Though the court ordered the Tihar Jail Superintendent to ensure his release by 6 p.m., the fact-checker passed out of the prison gates into a rainy night well past 9 p.m. The bail presents a decisive turn for Mr. Zubair, who has been booked in a "vicious cycle" of cases by the Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Police since his arrest on June 27.

"The existence of the power to arrest must be distinguished from the exercise of the power of arrest. The exercise of the power of arrest must be pursued sparingly," a Bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud, Surya Kant and A.S. Bopanna told the U.P. government.

Uttar Pradesh Additional Advocate-General Garima Prashad said the FIRs were registered by the State not out of "conscious viciousness". Mr. Zubair's tweets were "malicious". The cases were an effort to maintain communal peace and harmony.

When Ms. Prashad urged the court to bar Mr. Zubair from tweeting, Justice Chandrachud shot back, saying "how can we tell a journalist not to write? How can we tell him he should not utter a word? If he does something wrong, he is answerable to the law... We cannot stop a citizen from using his voice."

Advocate Vrinda Grover, for Mr. Zubair, said Uttar Pradesh had "weaponised" the criminal law to wreak vengeance on a journalist for debunking false information. He had been embroiled in one criminal case after the other for exposing hate speech.

Though the court did not revoke the FIRs against Mr. Zubair, it gave him liberty to approach the Delhi High Court for quashing of any cases – present or future – that may be registered against him on the basis of these tweets. The Bench underscored that its bail order would protect the fact-checker if any future FIRs were registered on the basis of the very same tweets.

Justice Chandrachud observed there was "absolutely no reason or justification" for the Uttar Pradesh Police to keep Mr. Zubair in continued custody any further and subject him to "endless rounds of proceedings before diverse courts".

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Relief arrives

The key highlights of the Supreme Court order granting bail to Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair

- The fact-checker gets interim bail in all six FIRs registered in U.P.
- The order specified that he should be released by 6 p.m. on Wednesday
- The court disbanded U.P. police's Special Investigation Team formed to investigate the FIRs against him
- Due to the overlapping of charges, the court clubs all the FIRs from U.P. and transfer them to Delhi
- Zubair cannot be barred from tweeting
- He may approach the Delhi HC to quash any present or future cases registered on the same issue

Out of jail: Journalist Mohammed Zubair comes out of the Tihar Jail after being granted bail by the Supreme Court • PTI

Death of contractor: Eshwarappa gets clean chit

Report submitted to court states no evidence for abetment of suicide by former Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Karnataka's former Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, who had to step down from the Cabinet following the suicide of a contractor who had accused him of corruption, has been given a clean chit by the police.

Claiming to have found no evidence for abetment of suicide by Mr. Eshwarappa in the death of Belagavi-based contractor Santosh Patil, the Udupi police on Wednesday filed a 'B report' in the case. The contractor was found dead in a hotel in Udupi on April 12 morning.

K.S. Eshwarappa

The 85-page-long report was filed before the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru, which is the special court for cases against elected representatives. Sources said the police secured a report from the Forensic Science Laboratory that said the death of Patil was a result of consumption of pesticide.

Meanwhile, asked if he would be re-inducted to the Cabinet now, a relieved Mr. Eshwarappa told reporters in his home town Shivamogga that it was the party's leaders at Delhi and State leadership who would decide on it.

Phone records probed

According to police sources, the Udupi police filed the 'B report' following a detailed examination of all persons associated with Mr. Patil and Mr. Eshwarappa.

The police examined the 10 mobile phones, including two mobile phones of deceased and his two friends. The police went through the WhatsApp chat, audio and video files in these mobile phones. Except for the statements of Mr. Patil's brother and his wife, there was no independent evidence or witnesses showing abetment to suicide by Mr. Eshwarappa, said police sources. Some witnesses told the police that Mr. Patil was under pressure from creditors to return the money he had spent on roadworks. Witnesses also said the deceased was under pressure regarding the defamation case filed by Mr. Eshwarappa.

Letter to PM

Santosh Patil had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi claiming to have invested ₹4 crore on building roads in his village in Belagavi district based on oral instructions of Mr. Eshwarappa. He had asked Prime Minister to direct Mr. Eshwarappa to settle his bills.

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SC asks if Shinde faction's dissent is a 'split'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday queried about the "consequences" if the dissent of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's faction amounted to a "split" from the original Shiv Sena which was led by Uddhav Thackeray, even as it mulled over referring the bitter political tug-of-war between the two factions to a Constitution Bench.

A "split" from the original political party without a subsequent merger with another party or formation of a new faction is no longer a defence from disqualification under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) of the Constitution. Mr. Shinde's faction has so far neither merged with another party nor formed a new party. They claim to be the "real" Shiv Sena. Paragraph 3 of the Tenth Schedule was removed from the Constitution by the Ninety-First Constitutional Amendment of 2003. This provision said that disqualification does not apply if a party has split and no fewer than one-third of the members of the original party form a new faction.

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Two suspects in Moosewala case shot dead

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

Two suspects in the killing of Punjabi singer Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, known as Sidhu Moosewala, were killed in a heavy exchange of fire between them and the Punjab Police at Bhakna village in Amritsar on Wednesday.

Manpreet Mannu and Jagroop Roopa had been at large after the May 29 killing. Both were allegedly members of the Jaggu Bhagwanpuria gang who worked for the Lawrence Bishnoi gang in the shooting of Moosewala.

Three police personnel were injured in the encounter but were now out of danger, the police said.

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China may be planning one more highway via Aksai Chin

It will run close to several disputed areas, a report says

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China is planning to build another highway through Aksai Chin, running along the India border and connecting Xinjiang with Tibet, according to a newly released highway construction plan.

The G695 national expressway will be only the second national highway through the disputed Aksai Chin region, where China controls 38,000 sq km of land claimed by India, since the controversial construction of the G219 highway in the 1950s, and is expected to be completed by 2035.

The new highway, the Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post* reported on Wednesday, will run even closer to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) than G219 and is likely to broadly run along the course of G219 from Mazha in Xinjiang in the north, through Aksai Chin, heading south along the borders with India, Nepal and Bhutan, and down to Lhunze in southeastern Tibet right across the border from Arunachal Pradesh.

China controls 38,000 sq km of land claimed by India in the Aksai Chin region.

While a map of the proposed highway has not been released, the route described by the report will mean the highway will likely cut across Aksai Chin.

Its course will bring it close to several disputed areas that have seen recent tensions, the *Post* reported, from Eastern Ladakh down to near Doklam close to the India-China-Bhutan trijunction.

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Rupee slips to historic low at 80.05 a dollar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Indian rupee weakened to a historic closing low of 80.05 per U.S. dollar on Wednesday as foreign portfolio investors continued to sell their Indian holdings and head back to the safety of the dollar and domestic oil importers too bought the U.S. currency for funding purchases.

Sugandha Sachdeva, VP, Commodities & Currency Research, Religare Broking, attributed the rupee's fall "to concerns about the interest rate normalisation path of the U.S. Fed and the deteriorating growth environment, which have led to a global flight to the dollar."

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A video grab of the ambulance overturning after hitting the toll booth at Shiroor in Udupi district.

Four killed as ambulance overturns after hitting toll booth near Udupi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Four persons, including a patient, died and four others were injured after an ambulance crashed into a toll booth and overturned at Shiroor on NH 66 in Udupi district on Wednesday evening.

The Byndoor police gave the names of the deceased as Gajanana, Jyothi, Lokesh, and Manjunath. Among the four injured was a toll booth employee.

The police said Gajanana was being brought from a private hospital in Honnavar in Uttara Kannada to a hospital in Udupi. Apart from the patient and the driver, there were five persons in the ambulance.

A CCTV image of the accident, posted on social media, showed the driver losing control of the vehicle as the toll staff rushed to quickly remove the barricades for the ambulance to pass. The vehicle overturned after hitting the toll booth.

Udupi Superientendent of Police N. Vishnuvardhan, who visited the spot, said it was raining at the time of accident. The driver of the ambulance, which speedily approached the toll gate, lost control of the vehicle. The driver, a toll gate employee and two persons in the ambulance were injured. The injured persons are undergoing treatment, he said.

It's official: egg, banana, chikki in midday meals

Nutritionists say the frequency of distribution of these items needs to be increased

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Children from Classes 1 to 8 in the State will get boiled eggs, bananas or groundnut chikki for 46 days of the ongoing academic year.

The State government, on Tuesday, issued a formal order stating that eggs, bananas or groundnut chikki would be provided as supplementary nutrition for the children under the Pradhan Manthri Shakthi Nirman programme.

The government is already providing these items to students of Kalyana Karnataka districts like Bidar, Ballari, Yadgir, Koppal, Kalaburagi, Raichur and Vijayapura along with the midday meals for students in Classes 1 to 8, and plans to extend the programme to all government and aided schools across the State.

The Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, submitted the proposal to the government to provide egg, banana and chikki to students from Classes 1 to 10 across the State for 100 days in the academic year of 2022-23 at a cost of ₹347.11 crore. The government finally gave approval to provide these items to students from Classes 1 to 8 for 46 days this academic year.

This means students will get egg, banana or chikki with midday meals weekly twice.

However, nutritionists have stated the need for increasing the frequency at which supplementary nutrition is provided. Dr. Sylvia Karpagam, public health doctor and researcher, told *The Hindu*, "We have already submitted a memorandum to the government that eggs should be provided for five to six times a week. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, malnutrition has become common as nutritious food was scarce. To avoid malnutrition, eggs can be provided to students up to Class 10."

"Eggs are superior foods in terms of protein quality and vitamin and mineral content. In fact, eggs are considered as a reference protein against which all other foods are measured. Other animal source foods (ASF) such as chicken, fish, red meats come close in terms of quality. For vegetarian children, since the only ASF they can consume is dairy and milk, these children could be given an additional glass of whole milk (not skimmed), equivalent amount of full fat yoghurt, paneer, cheese etc., that will definitely help the children to have a catch up growth," she added.

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Funds for farmers

21,924 In ₹ crore, the amount transferred into the bank accounts of 10.26 crore eligible farmers under the PM-KISAN scheme in this fiscal so far, according to Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, a financial benefit of ₹6,000 per year is provided to eligible farmer families, payable in three equal instalments of ₹2,000. The fund is transferred directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. PTI

Provocative remarks

163 The number of instances of airing communally provocative remarks in violation of the 'Programme Code', the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday. The Centre had issued warnings and advisories to private television channels over the last three years against such violations. Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said the government has an institutional mechanism for taking action against such private television channels which violate the Programme Code. PTI

Vacant posts

9.79 In lakh, the number of vacant posts in Union government departments against strength of 40.35 lakh, as of March 1, 2021, according to Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh. About 30.5 lakh central government civilian employees were in position against the sanctioned strength. In another reply, Mr. Singh stated that according to the census of Union government employees, the total number of permanent employees in various central departments was 30.8 lakh. PTI

Diverted forest land

554.3 In square kilometres, the forest area in India diverted for non-forestry purposes in the last three years, according to the Union Minister of State for Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey. Mining accounted for the maximum diversion (112.78 sq km) of forest land. About 100 sq km of forest land was diverted for road construction, 97.27 sq km for irrigation facilities, 69.47 sq km of for defence projects, and 53.44 sq km for hydel projects, with the Centre's approval. PTI

UPSC candidates

4,119 The number of candidates recommended by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for various central government jobs during 2021-22, the lowest in 10 years, according to Personnel Ministry data made public in Parliament. A total of 4,214 and 5,230 candidates were recommended in 2020-21 and 2019-20, against the advertised vacancies of 4,997 and 5,913. UPSC conducts its exams as per the programme of examinations (calendar) year notified by the Commission. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The sweltering heat wave across Europe

How has the 'heat apocalypse' wrecked devastation throughout Western Europe?

THE GIST

- On July 19, the U.K. posted its highest temperature ever recorded – crossing 40°C, resulting in the government issuing its first ever red alert for extreme heat. Dozens of towns and regions across Europe reeled under what has been described as a "heat apocalypse", which has caused widespread devastation this year.
- Scientists are near-unanimous that the heat waves are a result of climate change caused by human activity.
- While all affected nations have issued heat alerts and health advisories to its citizens, the economies of both Europe and the U.S. remain firmly bonded to fossil-fuel consumption.

G. SAMPATH

The story so far: Large swathes of Europe, the U.K. and the U.S. are sweltering under extreme heat wave conditions. Devastation due to extreme weather has been particularly acute in western Europe, which has been hit by raging wildfires, drought, and hundreds of heat-related deaths, ringing alarm bells about a looming climate emergency.

Why is the spike in summer temperatures a cause for worry?

While Europe has witnessed some hot summers in recent years, rarely have temperatures risen so high across so many regions at the same time. On July 19, the U.K. posted its highest temperature ever recorded – crossing 40°C, resulting in the government issuing its first ever red alert for extreme heat. Parts of France, Spain and Portugal recorded temperatures between 42 and 46 degrees. Dozens of towns and regions across Europe reeled under what has been described as a "heat apocalypse", which has caused widespread devastation this year.

In U.S., the record temperatures are being linked to changes in the jet stream – a narrow band of westerly air currents that circulate several kilometers above the earth's surface

Wildfires caused by a combination of extreme heat and dry weather have destroyed 19,000 hectares of forest in southwestern France, and thousands of people had to be evacuated to temporary shelters. Portugal reported more than 250 blazes over a period of two days, and 650 deaths due to heat-related illnesses in a span of one week. Neighbouring Spain lost 14,000 hectares of land to fires, with an estimated 360 deaths caused by extreme heat, mostly of elderly people.

Italy, on the other hand, has been reeling under a drought, with the Po river basin, one of Europe's 'food bowls', not having received rains in more than 200 days. Across the Atlantic, with temperatures touching 43°C in some regions, around 69 million Americans were reported to be at risk of exposure to dangerous levels of heat and heat-related illnesses.

What is behind the extreme heat waves?

Scientists are near-unanimous that the heat waves are a result of climate change caused by human activity. Global temperatures have already risen by more than 1°C , and studies in the U.K. had shown that a one degree rise in temperature raises the probability of the country witnessing 40°C by ten times. The rising global temperature, which this year led to deviations above the normal by as much as 15 degrees in Antarctica, and by more than 3 degrees in the north pole, have also induced changes in old wind patterns. These changes turned western Europe into what has been described as a "heat dome" – a low pressure area that began to attract hot air from northern Africa. In the case of the U.S., the record temperatures are being linked to changes in the jet stream – a narrow band of westerly air currents that circulate several kilometers above the earth's surface. While a conventionally strong jet stream would bring cooler air from the northern Atlantic, in recent years the jet stream has weakened and split into two, leading to intense and more frequent heat waves over parts of the American continent.

How will the extreme heat impact Europe and the U.S. over the long term?

In Europe, the heat wave has renewed calls for determined action on climate mitigation measures. But in the U.S., the political leadership, especially in Republican states – many of which, like Texas, also happen to be extreme weather 'hot spots' – are still reluctant to recognise climate change as the cause of the problem, with local politicians asking people to pray rather than acknowledge the role of a fossil-fuels in triggering extreme weather. In terms of adapting to the ongoing heat wave, the U.S. is marginally better placed, with a majority of the households fitted with air-conditioners. But only a tiny minority have ACs fitted in their homes in the U.K. and western Europe. With the frequency and duration of heat waves rising this summer, Europe's energy requirements have shot up at just the wrong time – in the midst of rising fuel costs caused by a ban on Russian gas that European politicians imposed in response to the Ukraine invasion. In Germany, despite widespread acknowledgement of the urgent need to curb carbon emissions, even Green Party politicians are speaking of replacing Russian gas with domestic coal.

The greater frequency, intensity and duration of the heat waves have also been linked to the growing incidence of drought in different parts of Europe. With the winters ending sooner, vegetation starts to grow sooner – before the snows of winter have replenished the water tables and the rivers. This has led to progressive depletion of water tables and increasingly drier soil and shallower rivers. While the reduction in soil moisture has made forest fires more probable, drying rivers – critical for both agriculture and hydro power – have affected harvests and energy security.

What next?

Europe is facing a torrid summer, with heat wave conditions expected to continue into August. While all the affected nations have issued heat alerts and health advisories to its citizens, who are not used to such temperatures, the economies of both Europe and the U.S. remain firmly bonded to fossil-fuel consumption. While Europe has been more vocal about cutting down emissions and has sought to invest heavily in renewables, this shift has been disrupted by the Ukraine war and an impending energy crisis sparked by the self-imposed withdrawal from cheap Russian gas. The United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres issued a grim warning on July 18, pointing out that world leaders faced a clear choice – it is either "collective action or collective suicide".

Land ablaze: Firefighters operate at the site of a wildfire in Pumarejo de Tera near Zamora, northern Spain, on June 18. • AFP

EXPLAINER

The NEET conundrum and Tamil Nadu's steadfast opposition

Why is Tamil Nadu looking for exemption from the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test? What is the AK Rajan committee?

THE GIST

- The Tamil Nadu government has vociferously opposed NEET-based admission to undergraduate and postgraduate medical courses.
- NEET not only threatens state autonomy with respect to the Centre conducting admissions to state run institutions, it also overshadows students' efforts in their higher secondary education and has known to spawn multi-billion dollar coaching centres.
- In 2021, a fresh Bill to admit students for MBBS/BDS courses only on the basis of their class XII board examination scores, was adopted by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. In February this year, after the Bill was returned by the Governor, it was readopted by the House and sent back to the Governor.

D. SURESH KUMAR

The story so far: The mandatory National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate medical degree courses was introduced across the country based on a Supreme Court ruling in 2016. The Tamil Nadu government vociferously opposed the entrance test from the beginning and initially got exemption from NEET-based admissions. However, in August 2017, the Supreme Court refused to grant further exemption to the State. The legal fight against NEET continues to this day.

Why and how was NEET introduced?

The Medical Council of India (MCI) (since replaced by the National Medical Commission) had mooted the NEET in 2009 with a stated objective of ensuring inter-se merit in medical admissions and to avoid multiple entrance tests conducted by different agencies, governments and deemed universities. The following year the MCI had issued a notification to regulate MBBS and BDS admissions in the country through a common entrance test. However, in 2013, by the majority of a 2:1 verdict the Supreme Court had struck down the NEET as unconstitutional and ruled that the MCI had no powers to issue notifications to regulate admissions in medical/dental colleges.

Three years later in April 2016, a five judge bench headed by Justice Anil. R. Dave (who delivered the dissenting verdict in 2013), in a rare order recalled its 2013 judgment and eventually mandated the conduct of NEET. Following requests from certain stakeholders, the Union Government promulgated an ordinance in May 2016 exempting State-run medical colleges from the ambit of the Supreme Court mandate for a year. After which in 2017, the Supreme Court refused to grant exemption from NEET to Tamil Nadu.

For equitable access: DMK and Congress MP's from Tamil Nadu protesting against NEET in Parliament in 2019. • THE HINDU

Was Tamil Nadu the only State to oppose NEET?

No. Other states including Gujarat had also opposed the NEET in the initial years for varying reasons. As reported in *The Hindu* on May 4, 2016, the Gujarat government had submitted in the Supreme Court that it was "torture" to impose NEET on students who had already mentally prepared for the State entrance exams. Tamil Nadu reiterated its argument that the State does not have a legacy of entrance exams since 2007. States like Jammu and Kashmir [now Union Territory of J&K and Ladakh], Andhra Pradesh and Telangana invoked special provisions in the Constitution to contend that only the State and not the Centre had the legislative competence to conduct examinations for MBBS and BDS courses.

Is the opposition to NEET merely political?

Beyond issues such as the NEET threatening state autonomy, questions have been raised on the pragmatism of the common entrance test score being the sole determinant of merit from Kashmir to Kanniyakumari. The NEET overshadows students' efforts in their higher secondary education and has known to spawn multi-billion dollar coaching centres. As a result, the focus is more on cracking the 'be-all-end-all' examination instead of mastering the subjects at the higher secondary level. It also compromises the learning of non-core subjects. Besides, there have been discrepancies in the conduct of NEET with cases of impersonation being reported. Even in the NEET examination conducted last Sunday, the CBI unearthed an impersonation racket and arrested eight persons. Such racketeering challenges the very concept of merit. Also, while it has ensured merit-based admissions in state-run institutions where the fees is affordable; in deemed universities and private colleges even now students with poor NEET scores, who have the wherewithal to pay hefty sums as fees, continue to edge out meritorious aspirants belonging to poor, lower and middle class families.

What were the AK Rajan committee findings?

After coming to power last year, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam government, constituted a committee headed by retired High Court judge Justice A. K. Rajan to study the effects of the NEET-based admission process. The committee was asked to find whether the entrance test had adversely affected students from the rural and urban poor, those who studied in government schools, those who studied in Tamil medium or any other section of students from Tamil Nadu. If so, the panel was mandated, to suggest the steps to be taken to remove the impediments and to protect the rights of the State, for advancing the principles of social justice and also to fulfil the mandate of the Constitution to provide equal and equitable "access to health" to all sections of the people of Tamil Nadu. Justice Rajan in his report recommended: "The State Government may undertake immediate steps to eliminate NEET from being used in admission to medical programmes at all levels by following the required legal and/or legislative procedures." He told *The Hindu* that data showed that 99% of students, who got admitted in medical colleges post-NEET, had gone for coaching. "Coaching focuses only on preparing students to answer questions asked in the particular exam as opposed to learning a subject," he said.

What is the current status?

While most States have adopted NEET, the Tamil Nadu government remains opposed to it with the backing of all major political parties, with the exception of the BJP and one or two fringe outfits. The President refused assent to two Bills adopted by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly unanimously in 2017 seeking exemption from NEET-based admissions for undergraduate and posgraduate degree medical courses.

In 2021, a fresh Bill to admit students for MBBS/BDS courses only on the basis of their class XII board examination scores was adopted by the Legislative Assembly. In February this year, after the Bill was returned by the Governor, for the first time in the history of the state Legislative Assembly, the Bill was readopted by the House and sent back to the Governor. The Raj Bhavan has since forwarded the Bill to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for Presidential assent. On Tuesday, the Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra informed the Lok Sabha that clarification has been sought from the Tamil Nadu Government on the Bill seeking to dispense with the NEET. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of AYUSH had furnished comments on the Bill which have been shared with the state government of Tamil Nadu for their comments and clarifications.

Will the multi-level metro station help perform a traffic miracle?

Commuters hope it will cut down congestion drastically at Jayadeva junction

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

As one of the most prominent junctions in South Bengaluru, Jayadeva junction is frequented by lakhs of commuters who go towards Bannerghatta road and Silk Board. The previous intervention which was taken up to ease the congestion here bit the dust. The multi-level metro station coming up at the junction now is expected to cut down traffic problems drastically. But when and how will this become a reality, commuters wonder.

Jayadeva junction on Bannergatta Road. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Short-term solutions

- Road resurfacing and street lights towards East End Road
- Completion of drainage repair work near the underbridge
- Road repair work by BMRCL

Long-term solutions

- Six-level road-cum-metro flyover to reduce traffic at grade level by 50%
- Two-wheeler movement to reduce as metro ridership picks up

After the inspection team came and went, they took up repair work under the bridge to prevent waterlogging. Unfortunately, it was not effective. After one hour of rain, the road still gets flooded. This leads to slow movement of vehicles.

RAJESH B.U.
Pharmacist

During night, many people park their vehicles near the construction site. Especially between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., the junction is noisy and filled with vehicles. For years now, there are no safe pedestrian spaces leaving us no choice but to commute on vehicles.

KARAN C.
Resident

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Jayadeva junction

As the junction always remained a hotspot for traffic, Jayadeva flyover, which connected R.V. Road and Central Silk Board, was constructed to ease the snarls. However, this flyover was demolished in 2020 to make way for the road-cum- metro flyover. As the metro work kept getting delayed due to the pandemic and other reasons, the traffic problems kept increasing. Now, as the construction continues to take up space on the road, the debris from it has made the situation worse, according to local residents.

Problems aplenty

With the station coming up in the middle of the road, vehicles coming from both sides towards Bilekahalli should merge at the same point beyond the station to go further. This is one of the bottlenecks in the junction. Those who drive via the junction everyday say that it is not about the number of vehicles, but it is the pace at which they move.

"My house is 2.5 km from here. Yet it takes me 45 minutes to reach home from here," said Rajesh B.U., a pharmacist opposite Jayadeva hospital.

With vehicular access cut off to some crossroads nearby, employees in several private establishments and residents sometimes get stuck in traffic jams or travel an extra 500-750 metres to reach their destinations.

Waterlogging

These problems are aggravated when it rains, as it leads to severe waterlogging under the bridge. "The main problem is waterlogging. Now some work is being done to stop that. Another thing is, asphalting of the road should be done and that is taking time", said Kala Krishnaswamy, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), traffic, east division. When asked about the long-term solutions for the junction, she said: "For now, it is all management. Once all the work happening here is completed, only then can we look at solutions."

Patients and caretakers who visit the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, along with staff, are also stakeholders here.

C.N. Manjunath, director of the hospital, said while 30-35 ambulances arrive at the hospital everyday, at least 3,500 to 4,000 people also visit everyday.

"As we had requested the BMRCL to not start work on both sides (Bannerghatta and Silk Board) simultaneously, the work is now almost done on Silk Board side. Now the work on the Bannerghatta side should also be completed on time. The BMRCL MD also met with us and assured that work will be fast tracked especially near the hospital," he added.

The five-level station here which will accommodate two metro lines of R.V. Road - Bommasandra and Gottigere - Nagawara, an underpass, road flyover and a grade road, is expected to be the key problem solver in the junction. However, even on this flyover, there will be no exit near Jayadeva. Those who need to reach the roads around the junction should travel on the grade level.

Final word

The streetlights were installed after the inspection but no other relief has been provided to the commuters. They say that until all the construction work is done and the metro is operational, there will not be any respite. When *The Hindu* visited the junction, the construction debris on the service road was being removed.

(Mission Decongestion is a series on some of the worst traffic junctions in Bengaluru that the civic authorities hope to decongest)

Petitioners unhappy over NBF stance on Akrama Sakrama

Not willing to compromise on certain terms: CAF members

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As Namma Bengaluru Foundation (NBF) announced its change in stance on Akrama Sakrama (regularisation) scheme through a letter on Tuesday, the members of Citizens Action Forum (CAF), who were the initial petitioners in the High Court, are highly disappointed. While they are not completely against regularisation, they are also not willing to compromise on certain terms related to the scheme.

In the letter, NBF said that it will not object to the government approaching the Supreme Court to seek exemption for poor and middle-class families under the scheme.

Earlier, in 2017, NBF had filed a petition in the Supreme Court and brought a stay on Akrama Sakrama as they believed that it would have enriched builders who committed illegalities. "...NBF was and continues to maintain that Akrama Sakrama must not benefit builders to get windfall gains from their illegalities, but that regularisation of properties of those citizens who have built their own homes, especially poor and middle class, should be permitted. But the Government of Karnataka has not approached the SC with any clarificatory petition on this to allow this," the letter said.

The original petitioners say that NBF decided unilaterally on this without consulting others. "We filed the original petition and we brought NBF along when we had to go to the Supreme Court (as it would cost more). They are making things easy for the government to play around and get the badly needed revenue. In the process, they are spoiling the concept of planning," said N.S. Mukunda of Praja Vedike, also a founding member of CAF.

Namma Bengaluru Foundation has said that it will not object to the government approaching SC seeking exemption for poor and middle-class families under Akrama Sakrama.

He added that before carrying out the scheme, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) should be asked to prove that they will avoid any further deviations in future buildings. "They should give a cut-off date and say that if any deviation comes after that, the buildings will be demolished," he said. He added that while severely penalising the officers who indulge in illegalities, building owners who get a concession should be given a condition to pay an extra percentage of property tax throughout the life of that building. "These conditions are necessary to honour the rule of law," he said.

Vijayan Menon, president, CAF also said that the Akrama Sakrama campaign has been CAF's over the years and they had not received any communication from the NBF before making the decision.

"What they have put out in the letter seems to be an unworkable situation as it looks like it has been driven by a political agenda," he said.

While adding that CAF is not against regularisation and understands the situation of illegal buildings in Bengaluru, he said that the current Act is still irresponsible. He said as the latest draft of the Act has also included the regularisation of land use violations, the CAF is totally against it. He said that those problems should be solved with a negotiated Revised Master Plan.

"If the administration is willing to listen and put in the hard work, there are many principles on which Akrama Sakrama can be done in a systematic manner. We have separate solutions," Mr. Menon added.

Man kills brother over property row

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Kamakshipalya police are on a massive manhunt for a 37-year-old sales executive of a private firm, who is on the run after allegedly stabbing his younger brother to death over a property row at his house on Tuesday night.

The accused, Satish Kumar, is married and lived on the first floor of the house, while the deceased, Vinay Kumar, a lab technician at a private hospital, was living with his parents on the ground floor of the three-storeyed house in Kaveripura in Kamashipalya.

According to the police, Satish had heavy debts and fought with his parents frequently for his share in the property. Due to this, his parents and younger brother had stopped talking to him.

On Tuesday, Vinay returned home from work and after dinner, he went to the terrace of the house as usual to sleep. A few minutes later, the tenants called up Jayamma, mother of Vinay, informing her that Vinay had fallen down at the stairs of the adjacent house.

Jayamma rushed out to see Vinay with stab injuries on his stomach and hands. With the help of others, he was rushed to a private hospital where the doctors declared him as brought dead.

The neighbours told Jayamma that they saw Satish fighting with Vinay and he reportedly stabbed him to death and fled the scene.

Water adalat today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

BWSSB will hold water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the following subdivisions: South East-6, East-2-2, East Village 2, South Village-I, West 3, South West 3, South East 3, North West 6, Central 3, North West 2, North 3, and North East 2.

Consumers can contact helpline number 1916 or WhatsApp 8762228888.

Maintenance work: Power supply to be disrupted today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

There will be disruption in power supply on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11 kV HBR layout MUSS for carrying out maintenance work.

The affected areas are: HBR 1st and 2nd blocks, Yasin Nagar, Subhash Layout, Rama Temple Road, Ramdev Garden, Krishna Reddy Layout, Teachers Colony, HBR 3rd Block, K. Halli Village, CMR Road, Kammanahalli Main Road, Ramaiah Layout, Lingarajapuram, Janakiram Layout, Kanakadasa Layout, Govindpura Main Road, Rashad Nagara, K.G. Halli, Govindpura Village, K.G. Halli, Vinobhanagar, B.M. Layout, Arogyamma Layout, Kaveri Garaden and surrounding areas.

HBR Layout, 4th and 5th blocks, Yasin Nagar, Nagawara Main Road, Byrankunte, Kuppuswamy Layout, Tanisandra, Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar, K. Narayanpura, N.N. Halli, Balaji Layout, Phase 1 to 3, Railway Men's Layout, BDS Layout, K.K. Halli, Hennur Main Road, HRBR 3rd Block, Oil Mill Road, Aravind Nagara, Nehru Road, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bethal Street, AK Colony, HRBR 1st Block, 80 Feet Road, CMR Road, Hegde Nagar, Nagenahalli, Kempegowda Layout, Shabarinagara, KMT Layout, Noor Nagar, Bharath Math Layout, Hidayath Nagar, Lidkar Colony and surrounding areas.

Movers and packers scam: Gang of four arrested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Fifty-year-old Ashfaq Hussain, a private firm employee, recently checked online for contact numbers to transport his bike to Hubballi. Little did he know that he would fall prey to a movers and packers scam.

• ILLUSTRATION: SEBASTIAN FRANCIS

The northeast division cybercrime police, on Wednesday, unearthed a gang of four for running a fake transport company impersonating a leading packers and movers firm to cheat people on the pretext of providing low-cost services. The fraud came to light when Mr. Hussain was approached by a person, identifying himself as Sandeep, who said he would transport the bike for ₹4,000.

However, when the bike did not reach the destination, Mr. Hussain called up Sandeep, who started demanding more money to transport the vehicle. Suspecting something fishy, Mr. Hussain, on June 22, filed a complaint. The cybercrime police tracked down the accused, identified as Puran Singh Chouhan, 25, Narendra, 32, Dharmendra, 21, and Dharamveer, 24. Investigations revealed that the accused were misusing the names of reputed transport companies and placing advertisements online with their personal contact numbers offering movers and packers services at throwaway prices. Once they were contacted, the accused would visit the victim's house to get the vehicles and escape. They would start demanding more money and once the money is paid, the accused would send the vehicle to the destination by paying the regular price and keep the remaining amount.

The police have charged the accused under Section 66D (using communication device or computer resource cheats by personation) of the IT Act.

Orientation programme at Reva varsity

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Reva University organised an orientation and induction programme for UG students of 2022 batch on its premises, Rukmini Knowledge Park in Yelahanka, on Monday. Badminton player P.V. Sindhu inaugurated the programme.

According to a release from Reva University, Ms. Sindhu said: "It is very important for students to follow their dreams and added that she was happy that Reva University has been offering sports in their curriculum." Chancellor of the University, P. Shyama Raju, said Reva University is instrumental in encouraging self-learning and hands-on experience which enriches the whole education experience.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **SRI.S.STEPHEN** S/o. Late. Sesaiathen, is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property with possession thereof; and the same is his self-acquired property. Our client hereby cautions any person/s, organization or financial institution against dealing with the schedule property in any manner whether by virtue of sale, lease, gift, mortgage, security to loan or any other activity shall not proceed without the written consent of our client. Any act undertaken without the written consent of our client is not binding on him and they shall do so at their own risk.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property **No.17**, situated at **Gurumurthy Reddy Layout, Kowdenahalli Village @ Ramamurthy Nagar, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560016** measuring East to West : 35 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet and bounded on the: **East by : Premises No.18, West by : Road, North by : 20 Feet Road, South by : Site No.18.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr. THANIGAIVEL.A** S/o. Mr. Arusappan is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mrs. LALITHAMMA** W/o. Mr. Javaregowda any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the BDA Site **No. 1137**, in Sy. No.131/1, situated at **Arkavathi Block No. 19, Chellakere Village**, measuring East to West : 6.00 Meters and North to South : 9.00 Meters, in all measuring **54.00 Square Meters** and bounded on the: **East by : Site No.1136, West by : Site No. 1138, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 1140.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given to the general public at large that our client is negotiating with **Shri Kaki V.V. Chaitanya**, Son of Shri K.S. Sai Babu, aged about 32 years, residing at No. 12-18-7, Aryapuram Madya Street, Rajahmundry, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh-533101, with respect to the purchase of the schedule property herein below mentioned.

Hence, any person/company/Bank, claiming any interest in the below mentioned schedule property or in any part thereof or in custody of any documents pertaining to the schedule property are hereby required to communicate their objections in writing to our office with documentary evidence within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this publication. In the absence of any authenticated objections or claims, our client will complete the sale transaction of the below mentioned schedule properties and no claims will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the agricultural property bearing Survey No.7/2, measuring 4 Acres 19 guntas, including 1 gunta of A-karab, 14 guntas of B-karab, situated at Kadabyadarahalli Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, is bounded on : **North by:** Property of Shri Muniyappa; **South by:** Property of Shri A. Bache Gowda & Government Gomala; **East by :** Property of Shri A. Bache Gowda; **West by:** Government Gomala & Property of Shri A. Bache Gowda.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 03-XEN-CWS-MYSS2022-23 Dated: 18.07.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work:

Name of Work	Appx. Cost
Proposed Tender for Face Lifting of Air Brake Shop as a Centre of Excellence at Ashokpuram, Workshop / MYSS (Ground Floor & First Floor).	Rs. 1,13,79,857/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 18.08.2022**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Executive Engineer
Carriage Repair Workshop, Mysuru South

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. HE-05-2022-23

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Name of Works	Appx. Cost
1	Electrical arrangements to Construction of Type-II Quarters - 4 Units at Vasco-Da-Gama on replacement account.	Rs. 9,47,928/-
2	Improvement of Gadag Road substation at Hubballi duly constructing new switch room and augmentation of substation capacity.	Rs. 1,29,69,335/-
3	Electrical arrangements to proposed construction of loco inspector counselling room at Ballari and Vasco-Da-Gama.	Rs. 7,11,980/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 16.08.2022**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / G Hubballi

PUB/243/MAR/PRB/SWR/2022-23

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General public that, Our Client, **Mrs. Meghana R Singh**, D/o Ramesh Singh, Aged about 30 Years, R/at. No. 368, 9th 'A' Main, 1st Cross, 50 feet Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560 019, has lost the original Sale Deed dated 07-06-2019, executed by Sri. Jayanthi A V, which is registered on 27-06-2019 as document No.2420 of 2019-20, Book-I, Stored in CD No. RRND339, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, RR Nagar, Bangalore, pertaining to all that piece and parcel of immovable property residential site bearing No.70, in khatha No.3/70, situated at **Doonenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk**, measuring east to west 18.29 meter and north to south (14.32+12.5)/2 meter, in all totally measuring 245.27 sq meter the sale deed in respect of above said property got loss/ misplaced from our client's custody, all efforts to trace the said sale deed went futile, hence on 27-06-2022 Our Client have lodged a police complaint at Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police, vide Lost Report No.0254780/2022, hence it is requested that general public who ever have got in possession and/or finder of the sale deed document, may deliver the document to the addressee as mentioned above within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of receipt of this publication. The finder will be suitably rewarded.

S.M. Anees Ahamed,
SAAN Law Associates
Advocates and Consultants
No.4(10/2), West Park Road,
Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560 001,
9845006707
Place : Bangalore **Dated :** 20-07-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General public that, Our client, **Mrs. Maheshwari Bai R**, W/o. Ramesh Singh, Aged about 57 Years, R/at. No. 368, 9th 'A' Main, 1st Cross, 50 feet Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560 019, has lost the original Sale Deed dated 19-05-2010, executed by Sri Thalaiamma, which is registered as No.986 of 2010-11, Book-I, Stored in CD No. LAGD71, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Laggere, Bangalore, pertaining to all that piece and parcel of immovable property being Western portion of residential site bearing No.964, in V.P. khatha No.3128, Block No.1, BBMP khata No.14,in the layout formed by the Karnataka Government Class "D" Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., situated at **Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk**, totally measuring 976 sq ft., the sale deed in respect of above said property got loss/ misplaced from our client's custody, all efforts to trace the said sale deed went futile, hence on 13-09-2021 Our client have lodged a police complaint at Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police, vide Lost Report No.0486300/2021, hence it is requested that general public who ever have got in possession and/or finder of the sale deed document, may deliver the document to the addressee as mentioned above within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of receipt of this publication. The finder will be suitably rewarded.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **SRI. MURUGAN** S/o. Sri. Kannan AND **Mr.C.GOVINDASWAMY** S/o. Mr.Andiappa Chinnakolliappa are intending to purchase the Scheduled Property from its Present owners **SRI. RAMESH GHANASEKHARAN**, S/o. Sri.S. Gnanashekaran, **SRI. G.T. PADMANABHAN**, S/o. Sri. K.R.G. Thiyagaraja & **SRI. G.T. DHANAKOTI**, S/o. Sri.K.R.G. Thiyagaraja respectively. Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 16, H.L Katha No: 189/1 and Site No.17, H.L Katha No.189/18 & Site No.18, H.L Katha No.111/9, Situated at Horamavu Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 110 Feet & North to South: 40 Feet, in all totally Measuring 4,400 Sq feet and bounded on: East by : 30 Feet Road; West by : Site No.15; North by : 30 Feet Road; South by : Site No's 5,6 & 7

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. **RAJU RAMAMURTHY** S/o. Sri. Ramamurthy, has interested to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owner **SMT. Zubeeda Taj, W/o. Sri. Syed Ayub Pasha**, Residing at No. 38, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, M.P. Layout, Old Magammanapalya Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068.

If any person/s, financial institutions, Banks etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed further for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Western portion of residential site bearing No.19, BBMP Form –B bearing Serial NO. 1586, carved in Sy. No.38/5, situated at Chikkathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, measuring East to West 34 Feet and North to South 29 Feet in total 986 Sq. Ft. together with residential building constructed thereon bounded on : East by : Remaining portion of Site No. 19 of Kallappa B Uppar, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 20, South by : Private Property.

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BANGALORE, DATE : 20-07-2022

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Place : Bangalore **Dated :** 20-07-2022

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
THIRD CORRIGENDUM

No. CEC/BSP/ER/T/MISC/22-23/06
Date: 12/05/2022

Name of Work : "Track, TRD and Signalling works for new line (C.G.) Project in the section commencing from Ex. Kendri Station to Dhamtari Station (49.500 Km) in the state of Chhattisgarh in the South East Central Railway Zone on EPC mode." The Tender No: CEC/BSP/ER/T/MISC/06, Date: 12/05/2022 has been modified twice by uploading of 02 Correction slips/ Addendum slips in ireps portal.

Now, the RFP Document and EPC Agreement Document has been modified duly incorporating the corrections and uploaded as 'Modified RFP Doc 22-23/06 and Modified Tender doc 22-23/06'. All prospective agencies are requested to go through the documents.

Any bidders, if started uploading of their documents/bid on or before 13.07.2022, are requested to re load the same. The Bid due date is being postponed from **27.07.2022 to 05.08.2022.**

All other conditions will remain unaltered.

Dy. Chief Engineer (Con.)
CPR/10/127 S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr. BHAGWANT SINGH** S/o. Late. Krishna Singh is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Dr.THEJASWINI. S** W/o Dr. Shivakumar S, any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site **No. 177**, Khata No. 861/214, carved out of property No. 214, vide Conversion Order No. BDS.ALN (E.S) SR 242/2008-09 Dated: 17.10.2008, converted for non-agricultural residential usage purpose issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District, situated at **Kannur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk**, measuring East 59.3 Feet, West 53.8 Feet, North 60 Feet and South 60.1 Feet, in all measuring **3393 square Feet**, presently under Kannur Village Panchayath and bounded on the: **East by : 60 Feet Road, West by : Site Nos. 156 and 157, North by : 50 Feet Road, South by : Private Property.**

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Reflecting the spirit of Delhi

The composite culture of the city thrives even though it was destroyed and rebuilt seven times

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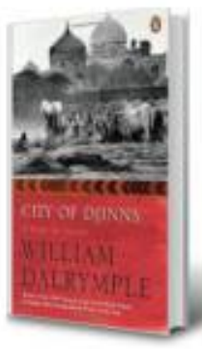

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The built environment of Delhi is a product of its socio-economic, cultural, and political forces. Those who live and work here lend to the unique character of the city, earning Delhi its best moniker as a city of bustling and large-hearted people. But its pollution levels, the game of one-upmanship, chaos and scare can be frustrating and infuriating. Yet, the city is counted among the most desirable ones to live in. There is something alluring and magical about it.

From the fragile crevices of Chandni Chowk to the imposing arcades of Connaught Place, Delhi is diverse and alive and writers have documented its beauty. Their works make you fall in love with the city all over again each time you turn the pages to read about the city's many secrets and stories, myths and legends.

'Improbable' city

In the 1990 novel *Delhi*, you see the irrepressible raconteur Khushwant Singh as a historian, novelist, diarist, nature lover and journalist who traces the past from the Mughals to the 1857 Mutiny to the 1984 massacre of the Sikhs. His prose describes events that shaped the city – from the destruction at the hands of Nadir Shah and Taimur to how the city destroyed poets such as Mir Taqi Mir. In his inimitable style, Singh pairs humour and irreverence to tell us about the rulers from previous centuries who shaped the city.

City Improbable: Writings on Delhi, edited by Singh, puts together insightful versions of invaders, refugees, immigrants, travellers and residents who engaged with the city over different epochs. From Babur and Amir Khusrau to Ibn Battuta and Niccolao Manucci, a host of poets and story tellers bring alive the long eventful history of the city that saw the rise and fall of several empires. The book further details the city's Sufi legacy, its vignettes of Partition and Emergency and the changing face of modern Delhi what with the making of resettlement colonies and expansion of the city's suburbs as well as the changing cuisine and fashion.

The capital city of the world's largest democracy is driven by power, energy and opportunities, dipped in nostalgia, rich in history and heritage and soaked in a myriad of compelling identities

William Dalrymple's 1993 travelogue *City of Djinns: A Year in Delhi* is about the six years he spent exploring the deep history of the city through the characters he met – from British survivors of the Raj, a typical Punjabi family, a government officer to a driver and eunuch dancers. He juxtaposes them with his experience of living in a modern Delhi. His book is set at various times, unlike Ahmed Ali's *Twilight in Delhi* (1940) that vividly draws on Indian Muslims of Old Delhi between 1911 and 1919. With a longing for Old Delhi, the novel swings between melancholy and desperation through the narrow lanes around Jama Masjid milling with people after evening prayers, the aroma of kebabs and colourful sherbets. There is a symbolic imagery that addresses the changing social, political and cultural climate following colonialism and the rise and fall of the Mughal Empire.

Decay and renewal

There is a plethora of books that encompass life in Delhi pre-and-post independence. *Clear Light of Day*, a 1980 novel by Anita Desai is about the tensions in a post-partition family in Old Delhi and how the situation escalates into riots. Prioritising the importance of family, forgiveness, power of childhood bonding and the status of women, the book oscillates between the decaying old Delhi that is often overlooked in favour of the happening New Delhi.

Pakistani writer Raza Rumi gives a sensitive account of his discovery of the city in *Delhi by Heart* as he feels at home in what is considered his hostile territory. He feasts on the sights of the Sufi shrines, Lutyen's stately mansions to Ghalib's crumbling abode and the markets of Old Delhi and uncovers the city's many layers with an unusual perspective.

Elizabeth Chatterjee in *Delhi Mostly Harmless* makes a journey from Oxford during the summer of 2013 and finds the pulse of the city electrifying as she fathoms the contrasts of the serpentine power structures and the graveyards and tombstones, the urban dissonance and charm.

Sam Miller's *Delhi: Adventures in a Megacity* (2010) discovers the real Delhi by visiting the less celebrated and ignored destinations. He encounters people as varied as professors and members of the Police band to crematorium attendants and ragpickers and creates an entertaining portrait of what the megacity means to its residents. The modern Delhi, Miller depicts, in all its humour and humanity is the one whose future is a curiosity for all.

Just the way Delhi leaves you with an utter sense of awe, so do these books as they capture the essence of the city's history, character and its people in full glory.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"How do you use the word 'optimum', sir?"

" 'Optimum' does not mean 'maximum'. It means 'the best, most favourable condition, degree, or amount for a particular situation.' The optimum speed of a vehicle is the most desirable speed from all angles. It depends on the size and type of the vehicle, the condition of roads, fuel consumption and the flow of traffic. An optimum population is the ideal size of population which will yield the highest possible material return per head of population."

"What is the difference between 'theft' and 'robbery', sir?"

"When you take away something from somebody illegally and secretly, you become a thief. Robbery is committed on persons. You rob a person of something. In stealing, there is no violence. In robbery, there is."

"How is 'transpire' used sir?"

" 'Transpire' means 'come to be known', 'come to light'.

When I asked him a few questions, it transpired that he is distantly related to me.

As a result of the discussion, it transpired that his degree was a bogus one.

There is a tendency these days to use 'transpire' in the sense of 'occur' or 'happen'.

I don't know what transpired at the meeting.

Several things transpired during his absence.

Some strongly object to the use of the word in the sense of 'occur'. However it is being increasingly used in this sense. COD lists it as one of the meanings but calls it colloquial. It is better to use 'happen' rather than 'transpire'. Otherwise you would sound pompous and pretentious."

"What is the difference between 'disposal' and 'disposition', sir?"

"*I disposed of my books yesterday.*

She disposed of her old clothes last week.

He went on talking. I found it difficult to dispose of him.

'To dispose of' means 'to get rid of'. You dispose of something. It is incorrect to say 'I disposed it OFF'. It should be 'I disposed of it'. 'Disposal' is the act of disposing.

The disposal of garbage has become an enormous problem in cities.

The disposal of nuclear waste is not easy.

'Disposal' also means 'the power or right to use freely'.

My library is at your disposal.

I am at your disposal.

My scooter is at your disposal.

'Disposition' means 'arrangement'.

The General was pleased with the disposition of his troops.

The disposition of furniture in her room is unusual.

It also means 'nature', 'temperament'.

He has a sunny disposition.

Let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

On July 21, 1969, Apollo 11 crew members Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin became the first people to walk on the Moon. Here's a quiz on the moon landing and other space missions

1 Name the site on the Moon where Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed in July 1969. They made history by walking on a celestial body other than Earth for the first time.

2 The launch of this Soviet satellite in 1957 led to a period of public anxiety in Western nations about the perceived technological gap between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The crisis was a significant event in the Cold War and triggered the creation of NASA. What was the crisis, named after the Soviet satellite?

3 Name the U.S. President who in 1961, at the peak of the Space Race, made the following proposal: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade [1960s] is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

4 Pantone 185 and Pantone 286 are colours found in the logo of which space agency?

5 If Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet national, is known for accomplishing this feat in April 1961, name his American counterpart, who accomplished the same feat in May 1961.

6 This phrase is used to convey that someone has arrived, or that something has been done. It was first made popular when Neil Armstrong landed on the moon with Buzz Aldrin, and referenced their lunar lander to tell the NASA Mission Control Centre that the pair had made a safe trip to the moon. Name the phrase.

7 Identify the Toy Story character named in honour of Buzz Aldrin.

◄ In 1983, the person pictured on the left became the first American woman to fly in space, and the third woman overall. Name her. • WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The ancient empire associated with Chaturanga. **Ans: The Gupta empire**

2. The chess program developed by Ed Schröder and the GM against whom it won a match in 1998. **Ans: REBEL, Viswanathan Anand**

3. What do Stockfish, Houdini, and Komodo mean with respect to Chess. **Ans: Chess engines**

4. The British chess historian who published this book in 1913, proposing that chess originated in India. **Ans: H. J. R. Murray, *A History of Chess***

5. This is one of the most popular chess openings which dates back to the late 16th century. **Ans: Sicilian Defence**

6. The chess set which has the standard style of chess pieces and is recommended for use in competitions by the FIDE. **Ans: Staunton chess set**

7. In this type of fast chess, Black wins drawn games. **Ans: Armageddon**

Visual: The name of this chess player and the biographical sports drama film which depicted her life. **Ans: Phiona Mutesi from Uganda, *Queen of Katwe***

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RISE 01:31	SET 14:34

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Tumakuru	31	22
Mysuru	31	20
Bengaluru	30	20

Bengaluru Today
26°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at some places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of rain and thundershower is likely.

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More tough questions in SSLC examination this academic year

KSEEB increases number of tough questions from 10% to 20%

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BENGALURU

Students writing the SSLC examination this academic year will have to face more tough questions. The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has increased the number of tough questions from 10% to 20% for the 2022-23 academic year board exam.

The KSEEB has restored the format of the SSLC question paper to that of the academic year 2019-20. The board will compile 20% tough question, 50% moderate, and 30% easy questions in the coming SSLC examination.

Due to the COVID-19 pandamic, the government had simplified the SSLC examination in the academic year 2020-21 and conducted the exam for two days in the multiple-choice question (MCQ) format. The board had also given optical mark reader (OMR) sheets to answer the questions.

In the academic year 2021-22, classes were started two to three months late. So, the government reduced 20% of the syllabus for SSLC students and changed the question paper format too.

B.C. Nagesh, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, had also openly announced that they will ask more easy questions to help students.

In the last academic year, the KSEEB had conducted the SSLC exam with 40% of easy questions, 50% of moderate, and only 10% of tough questions.

This academic year, schools began on time and the physical classes have been running successfully. The KSEEB has made 75% attendance compulsory for SSLC students who will be taking the board exam.

The board has decided to increase the percentage of tough questions to improve the quality of learning and writing skills in the students.

D. Shashikumar, general secretary, Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka, agreed. "Fortunately this year, the pandemic is not severe and physical classes are running successfully. For two years, students were backward in learning skills like listening, reading and writing. Increasing the percentage of tough questions in the SSLC board exam is a good sign to improve the learning skills. It will be the road to quality education," he said.

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Fact sheet

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Supplementary exam: 39.59% students pass

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As many as 37,479 (39.59%) students have passed the SSLC supplementary examination, the results of which were announced on Wednesday by KSEEB.

The supplementary examination was conducted from June 26 to July 24 in 423 centres across the State and 94,699 students enrolled for it. The board will announce the results on the website on Thursday [July 21] after 12 p.m. and the results will be forwarded to the students' registered mobile numbers through SMS.

Individual students' results can be viewed on the following websites: https://karresults.nic.in, https://kseeb.karnataka.gov.in/sslcsuppexamresults2022.

The consolidated school result sheet and provisional marks cards will be provided on Thursday after 1 p.m. through the school login on the KSEEB website https://sslc.karnataka.gov.in.

Provision has been made to take printouts at the school. The result will be announced on the same day in all high schools.

Traffic policeman cracks case during vehicle check

Previous instances

- On July 13, a vehicle was stolen from Jayanagar 5th block and within 40 minutes, the same vehicle met with a minor accident on 24th Main. Jayanagar traffic constables deputed at the junction intervened and upon verifying, found that the vehicle was stolen. The accused managed to flee the scene. The vehicle was later handed over to the Jayanagar police.
- On July 2, the Banaswadi police arrested three drug peddlers during random vehicle check. They turned out to be notorious muggers and chain-snatchers.
- On Tuesday, the traffic police caught Syed Aftab, a fabricator by profession, for forging a number plate. He did this to avoid traffic fine and also defaulting his loan EMI. He was arrested by Subramanayapura police and remanded to 14 days' custody.
- On June 30, the Kengeri police arrested a 35-year-old bike thief and recovered four stolen bikes worth ₹3.7 lakh from him. Manjunath from Rajarajeshwarinagar was caught by the alert police on Uttarahalli main road when they were checking vehicles and found Manjunath trying to slip away suspiciously.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Though motorists resent random vehicle checks, traffic policemen continue to crack cases through conventional methods which, according to a senior police officer, also ensures traffic discipline among motorists.

Mahesh Rathod, attached to Rajajinagar traffic station, was assigned duty opposite the Dr. Rajkumar memorial on Wednesday morning. He noticed an autorickshaw parked on the one-way for a long time. Mr. Rathod enquired with people nearby about the driver to move the vehicle, but in vain.

After waiting for some time, he checked the emission certificate and obtained the contact number of the owner. To his shock, the owner told him that his vehicle had been stolen from V.V. Puram last week and he had filed a complaint with the police. Mr. Rathod bought this to the notice of his senior. The information was crossed checked with the V.V. Puram police for confirmation before summoning the owner of the vehicle.

This is not an isolated case as the traffic police, in the last one week, detected at least four cases of vehicle thefts and fake number plate cases through random checks, a senior police officer said.

However, motorists continue to fret about alleged harassment through random checks at every nook and corner, which, they say, also causes traffic snarls. Responding to them, the DG&IGP issued orders restraining traffic police from stopping vehicles for random checks unless there is visible violation.

Three-day inter-collegiate fest begins

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A three-day inter-collegiate cultural fest 'CRESINDO' themed 'Ecstacy' organised by Sindhi College began on Wednesday with around 1,500 participants from 250 colleges across Bengaluru.

The event was inaugurated by chief guest Manjamma Jogati, president of Karnataka Janapada Academy, and the guest of honour Umapathi, film producer, and Madan Doulatram, president, Sindhi Seva Samithi.

Addressing the gathering, Ms. Jogati said that though she never entered a college to study, her 'art of folklore' has travelled to all universities in the State. As much as she gives prominence to higher education, she also encouraged students to go beyond their curriculum and learn the very essence of life. She said "Kannada must grow" and that culture and tradition must be preserved. She also said no language is inferior and that every language has its own identity.

Umapathi said: "God doesn't give opportunities to everyone, sometimes we need to create them ourselves".

Seven doctors demand withdrawal of NEP position paper on health

'Matter of concern that expert group on child health does not have paediatrician'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Terming the Karnataka's National Education Policy position paper on 'Health and Well Being' as "outrageous, outdated, unscientific and frivolous", a group of seven doctors from Karnataka has demanded that it should be withdrawn immediately.

Coming down heavily on the paper for its "unscientific" suggestions and opinions, the doctors – most of whom are former students of NIMHANS – said they are aghast that the "ludicrous and irresponsible report" was prepared by an expert group that is chaired by K. John Vijay Sagar, Professor and Head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS. "It is also a matter of concern that this expert group on child health and nutrition does not even have a paediatrician as a member," they said in a statement. Citing an example, they said, "The position paper males claims about Panchakosha, the five layers (Sheaths) 'covering the atman'. We urge the Director as well as the head of Child Psychiatry at NIMHANS to provide proof for the existence of such 'sheaths' or to immediately withdraw the paper," they said, adding that NIMHANS must either provide conclusive evidence for these claims or withdraw this paper. "Otherwise, by practising such baseless methods, children's health will be imperilled due to denial of evidence-based methods."

"Further, the paper makes many outrageous and completely baseless claims of gene-diet interactions, natural choice of plant-based food for Indians, plant-based foods being more man-friendly, Indian food culture is proven to be the best etc. Contrary to these claims, a comparison of the Indian diet with the EAT-Lancet reference diet has clearly shown that Indian diets are unhealthy and that Indians consume excess amounts of cereals and not enough proteins. Studies have reported that 63-79% of our people, particularly in rural areas, cannot afford nutritious food," the statement said.

"While the position paper blames eggs and meat for 'lifestyle disorders', without citing any evidence, there is now a mountain of evidence available to prove that it is the excessive consumption of sugars such as fructose (fruit sugar) and glucose (malt sugar, cereal grains) that is the most important cause for non-communicable diseases... There is also enough evidence proving that eggs and proteins have a protective effect against obesity and other NCDs," the statement said.

The group comprised Srinivas Kakkilaya, Physician from Mangaluru; Yogananda Reddy, paediatrician from Ballari; P.V. Bhandary, psychiatrist from Udupi; Shashidhar Bilagi, psychiatrist from Bengaluru; Vasudendra N, ophthalmologist from Davangere; Rajesh Pompapathy, radiologist in Sydney, Australia, and Niranjanaradhya V.P., development educationist and chief mentor, SDMC Coordination Forum.

A file photo of schoolchildren having midday meals at Government High School at Gandhinagar in Mangaluru.

State sees 1,478 new COVID cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Wednesday recorded 1,478 new COVID-19 infections taking the total number of cases to 39,90,057. With this, the day's TPR stood at 4.56% and the weekly TPR touched 4.58%.

Of the new cases, 1,251 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban. With zero deaths, the State's toll remained at 40,089. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 1,229 persons were discharged on Wednesday taking the total recoveries to 39,42,060. Active cases stood at 7,866 on Wednesday.

As many as 32,363 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours.

Writer G. Rajashekara passes away in Udupi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Progressive thinker and writer G. Rajashekara passed away at 11.15 p.m. in Udupi on Wednesday. He was 75. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

The cremation will be carried out at 10 a.m. in Beedinagudde in Udupi on Thursday, his family sources said. Mr. Rajashekara fought a three-year battle with a rare and devastating neurological disease called Progressive Supra-Nuclear Palsi.

He was in the forefront in the fight against communalism and communal forces. He had involved himself in pro-people movements for long. Udupi District Muslim Okkuta had presented him the Manava Ratna Award in 2020-21. His work, Bahuvachana Bharatha, published in 2016 got him the Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award. But he did not accept it citing increased atmosphere of intolerance in the country.

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'Human Spaceflight Expo' from tomorrow

It will be held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium from 9.30 a.m.

OLIVIA DEBROY
BENGALURU

Space enthusiasts in the city will get a peek into some aspects of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) ambitious human spaceflight project, Gaganyaan, at a 'Human Spaceflight Expo' organised at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium between July 22 and 24.

The expo has been organised by ISRO as a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' (celebration of 75 years of Independence).

Timing of the event

The expo will be inaugurated by C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister, and S. Somanath, chairman, ISRO/Secretary, DOS, on Thursday. The public will be allowed to visit the expo from 9.30 a.m. on July 22. It will be open till 4.30 p.m. on the first day and 3.30 p.m. the next two days.

Along with an interactive model of Gaganyaan, there will be other scaled models of launch vehicles, satellites, space suits and Indian space station. The expo will also offer a dome show, lectures by eminent personalities, display of ISRO models, technologies for human space flight missions, interactive games, science activities and competitions for students.

There will also be a display of the movie *The Indian Space Odyssey-Sounding rockets to Gaganyaan*' in the sky theatre which will show the evolution of ISRO over the six decades, visuals on assembly of launch vehicles, astronaut training and mission sequence of Gaganyaan. Live lectures and demonstrations will also be held on various topics by eminent stalwarts.

The speakers at the expo, R. Hutton, Project Director, Gaganyaan Mission under the Human Space Flight Centre of ISRO, Imtiaz Ali Khan, Director of Human Spaceflight Programme at ISRO HQ, will speak about the 'Overview of Indian Human Spaceflight' and 'How to become an Astronaut' respectively. Two other lectures have also been organised.

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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for appointment to the post of **Dean (Academic)** in APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University.

Last date for submission of the application is **5 p.m. on 6th August 2022.**

Details are available in the website **www.ktu.edu.in**

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Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences to build a student

Nano Satellite - RAMAIAH SAT

M S Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences Exchanging the MoU with ITCA for Nano Satellite RAMAIAH SAT in the presence of Dr. M R Jayaram, Chancellor, RUAS.

In a major development M S Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (MSRUAS) under Gokula Education Foundation (medical) has signed a memorandum of understanding with Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA) on Tuesday July 19, 2022, to develop and build a student satellite called "RAMAIAH SAT" coinciding with Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav, the 75 years of Indian Independence. As per the MOU, MSRUAS will build a student satellite under the monitoring of Indian Space Research Organization and with the help of ITCA which is the nodal agency for building 75 students satellite mission. This ambitious project has been announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his address to the world Leaders at the 76th United Nations General Assembly.

As per the MOU MSRUAS will build a student satellite called "Ramaiah Sat" in cooperation with International Space Exploration agencies /CSPD, Serbia/World Can Sat Rocketry Championship

The uniqueness of this mission is that students can build their own satellites and launch with the support of ISRO. "RAMAIAH SAT" will have a payload of 300 grams. Ramaiah Sat is a 1.6 kg class satellite with a payload of 300 grms IoT payload for monitoring other satellites. ISRO will launch the satellite with UHF and VHF links with a satellite ground station at MSRUAS Peenya Campus. The Satellite mission functional attributes are water quality monitoring, providing wireless communication network in remote areas, passive radar for weather monitoring and fisherman SOS. The Ramaiah Sat will be launched in August 2022.

(WCRC). ITCA –TSC will support satellite Education /training/ multidisciplinary Research and development projects related to the new space era , Nano satellites, ground stations and initiatives focused on student satellite development. The ITCA/TSC Sponsored Ground Control Station (GCS) will be established at the MSRUAS campus to monitor Ramaiah Sat. The cost of the "Ramaiah Sat" is rupees one crore.

Professor Kuldeep , K. Raina, Vice Chancellor, MSRUAS and DR. LV Muralikrishna Reddy, President Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA) has signed the agreement in the presence of Chancellor Dr. MR Jayaram, Chief Executive MR Sreenivasa Murthy and host of other academicians and officials.

Professor Raina said " It is a great hounour and recognition for MSRUAS and an opportunity to showcase our prowess in space technology. We are proud to be part of the 75 Students Satellite Mission."

Dr. LV Muralikrishna Reddy , President, ITCA has appreciated the effort of MSRUAS in taking part in the 75 students mission which gives broad based participation by the private sector, academia and startups in the Indian Space Programme.

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KMF makes another bid to raise milk prices, but in vain

It fails to get a go-ahead from the government to increase price by ₹5 a litre

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Yet another attempt by the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) to raise milk prices to provide relief to farmers across the State has been, for now, spiked by the government.

While KMF had sought permission of the State government to increase the price of milk by ₹5 a litre, Minister for Cooperation S.T. Somashekhar told *The Hindu* that they had received the proposal, but the government had decided not to act on it immediately. "We will take a call after reviewing the pros and cons with Chief Minister Basvaraj Bommai," he said.

Milk price was last increased in the State in 2020. • FILE PHOTO

Fifth attempt

The proposal was made about a fortnight ago. In April, KMF Chairman Balachandra Jarkiholi met Mr. Bommai seeking to convince him on the price hike, but in vain. The fresh proposal has come again, since the last time that the milk price had been increased in Karnataka was in 2020. Since then, the farmers federation has approached the government to raise the price at least four times. Currently, a litre of milk sold under Nandini brand costs ₹37.

A senior KMF official acknowledged that the federation had placed a proposal to increase the price by ₹5 of which ₹3 is proposed to be passed on to the farmers if the government accepts the proposal. "In the last three years, input cost in the dairy industry had seen an increase and ₹3 per litre would bring the much needed relief to farmers affected by the general price rise. The operating costs of KMF and milk unions have also gone up," he said.

The official also pointed out that the KMF's target to procure 1.3 crore litres of milk every day by 2027 could be met as more farmers could be attracted into dairy farming. On an average, KMF procured 92.82 lakh litres in June, highest so far. In recent years, the procurement has been growing between 10% and 14% annually.

Farmer's demand

Bengaluru Milk Union Ltd. president Narasimhamurthy told *The Hindu* that the unions have been asking for price rise, but the State government has been turning a blind eye on the issue.

"The milk price in all the States is above ₹40 a litre. If a scientific price has to be fixed, farmers should get at least ₹35 per litre. Besides ₹5 given by the government as incentive per litre, farmers get varying amount between ₹23 and ₹29 a litre depending on the district milk union," he said.

Mr. Narasimhamurthy said that the unions are under pressure to cut the procurement cost at the expense of farmers in the absence of a price hike. "The only way to protect the unions from collapsing is to reduce procurement price given to farmers. A proposal has been moved to reduce the procurement price by ₹1.5 in BAMUL, which currently pays farmers ₹28.5 per litre."

Problem of loose change

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Post the revision of the price of curd, buttermilk and lassi, KMF agents are finding a problem of providing change to customers. While the KMF initially rounded off the cost after calculating the GST, after the rollback, a 200 ml sachet of curd cost ₹10.50. The 200 ml buttermilk cost ₹7.50 for sachet, ₹10.50 for multi-layered packaging and ₹12.50 for a pet bottle. The 200 ml mango lassi costs ₹26.50. KMF sources said that though they were aware of the problem, the rollback had been necessitated due to government direction. "We will discuss the problem in the board and take suitable action. We are aware of the problem of loose change in the market."

Farmers lose feed subsidy

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

While input costs have gone up by about 30%, milk farmers in Karnataka have had to face another blow with the KMF withdrawing input subsidy of ₹75 for 50 kg of feed that they used to get earlier. This comes at a time when the unions are also under pressure to cut the procurement cost by ₹1.50.

High Court reserves order on bail pleas of accused in PSI recruitment scam

CCTV footage showed some accused candidates sitting idle in exam hall: SPP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday reserved its verdict on the petitions filed by some of the accused persons in the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam.

Justice H.P. Sandesh reserved the verdict after conclusion of the arguments by the advocates representing accused-petitioners C.N. Shashidhara and others, and the State Public Prosecutor.

Earlier, the SPP pointed out to the court that the CCTV footages revealed that some of the accused candidates were found sitting idle for hours in the examination hall and had answered only 19-20 questions. However, such candidates had received highest marks and became eligible in view of tampering of OMR sheets.

Narcoanalysis

Meanwhile, the SPP said that senior IPS officer Amrit Paul, who has been arrested in the scam for his alleged role in the crime as the Additional Director General of Police (Recruitment), is not cooperating with the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in the probe.

The High Court was also informed that the CID has submitted an application before the jurisdictional magistrate court seeking permission to subject Mr. Paul to narcoanalysis to elicit information from him in view of his non-cooperation with the probe.

As Mr. Paul has deleted the information in his mobile phone by formatting it, the CID is awaiting FSL report on the possibility to retrieve the deleted data, the SPP told the court.

KRS crest gate will be completed within 18 months: Bommai

Chief Minister promises funds for beautification of KRS and Brindavan Gardens

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Wednesday that the replacement of crest gates of the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) reservoir under Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) will be completed within the next 18 months.

He was speaking at the KRS in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district after offering 'bagina' or the traditional thanksgiving consequent to the dam attaining the full reservoir level of 124.8 feet.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai offering 'bagina' at the KRS consequent to the dam attaining the full reservoir level, on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Out of 136 gates, 61 gates have to be replaced under the DRIP while the rest have been replaced over the last few years in a phase-wise manner.

Mr. Bommai said that the government has released more than ₹160 crore so far for the works but the safety of the dam has been enhanced to that extent and not a single drop of water was leaking consequent to the gate replacements. The life span of the original gates was 35 years but they were utilised for 75 years and the new gates will serve to enhance the dam lifespan, said Mr. Bommai.

He recalled that condition of the crest gates when he had paid a visit to the dam as the Minister for Irrigation in 2008 and said that gunny bags were being used to plug the leakage. So a decision was taken to replace the crest gates in a systematic manner and 16 gates were replaced in the first phase and new technology for shutting on and off the gates have been adopted, said Mr.Bommai who stressed the importance of optimum maintenance of the dam and harnessing its water.

The Chief Minister, who recalled the contributions of the maharajas of Mysuru and Sir M. Visvesvaraya in the construction of the dam, also promised funds to introduce new elements to the KRS and make the garden more attractive adding that the DPR for the project would be prepared.

Mr. Bommai said that the farmers in Mandya-Mysuru-Hassan belt would benefit from the slew of irrigation projects that will be taken up during the year. This includes the modernisation of the Visvesvaraya branch canals and taking up the sub-distribution channels of the Maddur branch canal and Sahukar Channaiah branch canal. Similarly, the works on Kabini Right Bank Canal and Harangi Branch Canal would be taken up during the year and ₹480 crore has been allocated for the project, Mr. Bommai added.

Mysugar to resume

Delving on the reopening of the Mysugar Factory in Mandya, Mr. Bommai said that it was expected to resume operations from the second or third week of August.

Verdict on Mekedatu

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The final verdict on the Mekedatu project is expected to be delivered by next week, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said. Work on the project would be taken up after getting the clearance for the Detailed Project Report, which has already been prepared by the State, he said.

The proposed project would meet the drinking water needs of Bengaluru and Mandya. Action is being taken to get necessary clearances for the project.

Cong. plans protests against GST on food items

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday slammed the Narendra Modi government's decision to defend the increase in Goods and Services Tax on food items, and argued that the Centre is penalising aspirations of the people to buy hygienically packed food items.

The Congress would launch protests in all taluks and hoblis against imposition of 5% tax on pre-packed foodgrains, he said.

Addressing reporters here, Mr. Shivakumar said hike in GST rates burdens the common man and employees of all sectors.

Former Minister and MLA Krishna Byre Gowda argued that the Centre would not benefit from hiking 5% tax on packed food items. Instead of taking steps to plug the leakage in tax revenue and increasing tax slabs on corporate firms, he said the Centre had reduced the corporate tax from 30% to 22%.

Meanwhile, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday gave a list of items that are exempted from GST if sold lose. The list includes pulses/dal, wheat, rye, oats, maize, rice, atta/flour, sooji, rawa, besan, puffed rice and curd/lassi.

Protest today

Mr. Shivakumar said the party will take out a Raj Bhavan chalo protest march on Thursday opposing the questioning of AICC president Sonia Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate.

FROM PAGE ONE

Death of contractor: Police give clean chit to Eshwarappa

Accusing the Minister of lies, corruption and irregularities, Patil further alleged that he had to offer ₹15 lakh in bribes in the Rural Development Department to get payment for his bills.

On April 12 morning, Patil was found dead in his room in a lodge in Udupi. He had checked into the lodge on April 11 night along with his two friends. He was staying separately in a room, while his two friends were in another room. Following a complaint by his brother and wife, the Udupi Town police registered a case of abetment to suicide against Mr. Eshwarappa. Three days after the incident, Mr. Eshwarappa resigned from the Cabinet.

'It is a cover up'

Reacting to Mr. Eshwarappa being given a clean chit, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar has said that it was an attempt to "cover up" corruption and misdeeds.

"The government had decided on giving a clean chit even before the probe. The then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had declared him innocent. So there is no surprise in this," he said.

He pointed out that the deceased contractor's wife had recently written to the Governor expressing concern over the cover up effort.

Bribery case: Court notice to ACB

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday ordered issue of notice to the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on a petition filed by J. Manjunath, IAS officer and former Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district, who has been arrested in a bribery case.

Justice H.P. Sandesh, before whom the petition came up for hearing, has adjourned further hearing till July 28. Mr. Manjunath was arraigned as accused number 3 in the case after the High Court had questioned functioning of the ACB.

He contended that he was falsely implicated in the bribery case though there was no material evidence against him in the episode of demand for ₹5 lakh made allegedly by a deputy tahsildar (Mahesh P.S., who is accused number 2) attached to the office of the DC, Bengaluru Urban district, and acceptance of bribe amount through a private person (Chetan Kumar, who is accused number 1).

"It appears, on the face of it, that at the instance of certain external/extortion agencies, and based on the observation made by the High Court in the bail petition of accused number 2, the investigating officer has implicated the petitioner falsely but submitting an additional report, which is absurd, unjust and without jurisdiction," Mr. Manjunath claimed in his petition. He has already filed a petition before the apex court for expunging certain remarks made against him earlier.

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2.	Estimated Cost	Rs.191.19 Lakh
3.	Period of Completion	11 (Eleven) Calendar Months including rainy season
4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	22.07.2022 from 10.00 Hours to Dt.05.08.2022 up to 17.00 Hours
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Relaxation In Eligibility Criteria for Admission to 1st Year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course for the Academic Session 2022-2023

In view of Covid-19 Pandemic, the Council with the approval of the Central Government, has decided to relax the eligibility for admission to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course as prescribed under Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations 2020, for the academic session 2022-2023 as under:

"(1) No candidate shall be admitted to architecture course unless she/he has passed an examination at the end of the 10+2 scheme of examination with Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics subjects or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject."

"(2) The candidate needs to qualify an aptitude test in architecture conducted either by NTA (i.e. JEE) or "NATA" conducted by the Council of Architecture."

(The above relaxation shall be valid for the academic session 2022-2023 only, irrespective of the year in which a candidate has passed 10+2 or 10+3 examination).

The candidates who have qualified the aptitude test i.e. NATA or JEE, with pass percentage in 10+2 examination with PCM or 10+3 Diploma with Mathematics shall be eligible for admission to B.Arch. course for the academic session 2022-2023.

It is hereby informed that the Council of Architecture shall conduct the Third Test of NATA 2022 on **Sunday 7th August, 2022** for the purpose of admission to First Year of 5-year Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course for 2022-2023. All the aspiring candidates are advised to register themselves at the earliest on NATA portal **www.nata.in** to apply for admission to the B.Arch course at approved architectural institutions in the country. It would be the last chance for the candidates to qualify NATA for the academic session 2022-23 and no further Test would be conducted.

NATA portal is currently open to facilitate students to apply for registration of NATA 2022. The last date of registration for Third NATA Test has also been extended up to **July 27, 2022** (8 pm). The NATA brochure with other important dates is available on the website of the Council www.coa.gov.in as well as www.nata.in.

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We are investigating the title of **Ritesh. R. Nayak** son of Rohidas Nayak, residing at House No. A11, Century Corbel, 60 feet Road, 'F' Block, Sahakar Nagar, Behind ICICI Bank, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru - 560092 (**"Owner"**) in relation to land in Survey No. 52/2, Gorinabele Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural district measuring 4 acres 26 guntas excluding 15 guntas of B Kharab which is more fully detailed in the table below and hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property"**.

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IN BRIEF

Kerala HC extends order in Cardinal's land case

KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Wednesday extended till August 3 its order exempting Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop, Syro-Malabar Church, from appearing in person before a at Kakkanad in Ernakulam in a case relating to the alleged illegal sale of the church land.

Jagan lays stone for Ramayapatnam port

NELLORE

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation for Ramayapatnam port in Prakasam district on Wednesday. It is estimated to cost around ₹3,740 crore. Mr. Reddy said local people would get 75% of the jobs not only in the port but also in the industrial corridor to be promoted in the district.

Telangana takes loan of ₹1,000 crore from RBI

HYDERABAD

The Telangana government availed another instalment of open market borrowings of ₹1,000 crore from the Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday. This will take the total borrowings during the current financial year to ₹12,000 crore. The Union Finance Ministry has questioned State's financial management and debt status.

'Pulsar' Suni shifted to mental health centre

THRISSUR

Sunil Kumar, aka 'Pulsar' Suni, the prime accused in the case of the sexual assault of an actor, in which actor Dileep is the eighth accused, was shifted to Government Mental Health Centre, Thrissur, from a sub-jail on Tuesday. His condition worsened after the Supreme Court rejected his bail plea.

SC to hear pleas on Mekedatu project

Tamil Nadu, Karnataka to inform Cauvery Water Management Authority to defer its deliberation

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to hear on July 26 the spat between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the proposed construction of a reservoir by Karnataka at Mekedatu across the inter-State River Cauvery.

Meanwhile, both States told a Bench led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar that they would inform the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) to defer its deliberation this week on the issue of the proposed construction.

The hearing was based on an application moved by Tamil Nadu in the apex court seeking a direction to restrain the CWMA from deliberating the proposed reservoir project. The application has stated that the planning of the Mekedatu project with a capacity of 67.16 tmc ft. and generation of 400 MW project worth ₹9,000 crore was in "gross violation" of the decision of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal of February 5, 2007, which was affirmed by the Supreme Court itself on February 16, 2018.

Water row: The Cauvery flowing through Mekedatu, near Kanakapura, in Karnataka. • FILE PHOTO

"The entire objective of the Tribunal's final decision is to ensure that the pattern of the release of water to the downstream State to meet irrigation interests is not jeopardised," Tamil Nadu, represented by senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, argued.

'Totally misconceived'

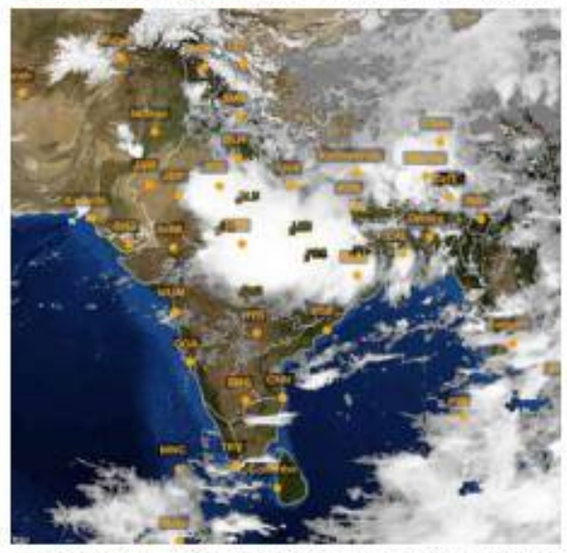
Senior advocate Shyam Divan, for Karnataka, said the project would in no way impact the water allotted to Tamil Nadu. He said Tamil Nadu's apprehensions were "completely misconceived".

But Tamil Nadu explained that the proposed reservoir would result in the impounding of the flows generated in the Cauvery River from the uncontrolled catchment of the Kabini sub-basin downstream of the Kabini reservoir, the catchment of Cauvery River downstream of KRS dam, uncontrolled flows from Shimsha, Arkavathy and Suvarnavathy sub-basins and various other small streams, which are the sources to ensure 177.25 tmc at Billigundlu.

It said the CWMA could not deliberate or pass any directions on the project when the Supreme Court was seized of the State's applications to direct the Central Water Commission to reject and return the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project and restrain the Environment Ministry from entertaining any application for clearance relating to the Mekedatu project.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Sikkim, Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2	33.6	26.3	Kozhikode	0.1	31.8	25.2
Ahmedabad	31	32.4	25.5	Kurnool	–	35.0	24.6
Aizawl	1	25.0	21.6	Lucknow	–	34.3	29.6
Allahabad	–	38.3	29.0	Madurai	22	36.6	24.1
Bengaluru	–	30.8	21.5	Mangaluru	–	28.7	23.5
Bhopal	–	26.8	23.8	Mumbai	12	30.5	25.0
Bhubaneswar	5.8	31.2	24.8	Mysuru	–	32.0	20.4
Chandigarh	3.8	33.3	27.3	New Delhi	10	35.1	28.2
Chennai	4	34.6	25.5	Patna	–	35.0	27.0
Coimbatore	–	31.4	23.5	Port Blair	14	28.5	25.1
Dehradun	22	27.9	22.6	Puducherry	–	34.4	26.4
Gangtok	4	21.2	17.8	Pune	0.2	29.0	22.1
Goa	11	30.4	24.4	Raipur	2	28.2	24.3
Guwahati	–	35.0	27.6	Ranchi	–	30.7	22.2
Hubballi	–	28.0	22.0	Shillong	0.8	26.2	18.7
Hyderabad	0.2	32.7	23.4	Shimla	0.8	26.8	21.3
Imphal	–	31.8	22.0	Srinagar	–	32.6	21.5
Jaipur	–	33.8	28.0	Thiruvananthapuram	0.4	28.7	24.7
Kochi	–	28.6	25.6	Tiruchi	–	37.1	27.0
Kohima	0.4	25.4	17.2	Vijayawada	–	35.0	27.0
Kolkata	0.2	34.3	28.0	Visakhapatnam	0.2	32.2	28.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	–	16	63	45	84	
Bengaluru	7	30	60	42	120	
Chennai	–	10	61	74	68	
Delhi	21	88	71	88	192	
Hyderabad	28	22	33	43	78	
Kolkata	11	15	19	66	91	
Lucknow	9	57	32	62	85	
Mumbai	127	–	7	28	28	
Pune	–	15	68	37	33	
Visakhapatnam	15	42	22	53	115	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Saharsa, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 196 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Murder bid case against LDF convener after court directive

Case relates to assault on Youth Congress workers on flight

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Valiathura police in Kerala on Wednesday booked Left Democratic Front (LDF) convener E.P. Jayarajan for attempted murder, criminal conspiracy and criminal intimidation in connection with the alleged assault on two Youth Congress workers who protested against Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on board the IndiGo flight that landed in Thiruvananthapuram from Kannur on June 13.

The police named Mr. Vijayan's security officer Anil Kumar and his aide-de-camp V.M. Sunish co-accused in the case.

E.P. Jayarajan

Judicial First Class Magistrate-II Leny Thomas had issued the directive based on a complaint filed by the Youth Congress protesters Farseen Majeed, Naveen Kumar and Sunit Narayanan.

The police had arrested the activists earlier on the charge of imperiling Mr. Vijayan.

The Congress claimed the court's directive vindicated its stance that Mr. Jayarajan had willfully assaulted the youth exercising their democratic right to express dissent peacefully.

The in-flight protest was the apogee of the Congress campaign demanding an inquiry by the CBI into the allegations raised by UAE gold smuggling case suspect Swapna Suresh against Mr. Vijayan and his family.

Meanwhile, Youth Congress State vice president K.S. Sabarinadhan on Wednesday appeared in front of the investigating officer probing the charge that he had plotted the "bid on the Chief Minister's life."

ED moves SC to transfer gold case out of Kerala

Witnesses may be influenced: agency

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has approached the Supreme Court with a plea to transfer the Kerala gold-smuggling case to a court outside the State. The case is centred around the smuggling of large quantities of gold through diplomatic channels.

The agency is investigating the role of several high-profile persons. It apprehends that witnesses may be influenced if the case is tried in Kerala.

Recently, one of the accused, Swapna Suresh had given a confession statement under 164(5) of the Criminal Procedure Code before a Magistrate in which she made explosive claims about Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his family. Her statements had raised a political uproar in the State.

The ED is conducting a probe based on the National Investigation Agency's FIR against Sarith P.S., Swapna, Faisal Fareed and Sandeep Nair under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The smuggling racket was busted after the the Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Cochin, seized 30 of gold worth ₹14.82 crore at the Trivandrum International Airport.

The seized gold was camouflaged as diplomatic baggage addressed to the UAE consulate, which has immunity from security check at airports under the Vienna Convention.

Deceased contractor's wife seeks CBI inquiry

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BELAGAVI

Jayashree Patil, wife of Santosh Patil, civil contractor and BJP worker, who ended his life after accusing the former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa of corruption, has demanded a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry into her husband's death.

'No faith in police'

"We have no faith in the State Police who have given a clean chit to Mr. Eshwarappa. We demand a CBI probe into the incident. We suspect that the former Minister influenced investigation. Also, the investigation has not been done properly," she said.

"The Udupi Police have given us three notices in 10 days asking to provide evidence. In response to that, we were planning to go to Udupi this month. But they have given a clean chit to the former Minister. This shows that they have not done the investigation properly," she said.

The police said that the suicide note written by Santosh Patil is not acceptable as it is not handwritten. "I ask them we will all commit suicide now, after writing notes in our own handwriting. Will they accept that?" she told reporters in Badas village of Belagavi district.

Evidence destroyed

She said that the investigation officers had destroyed evidence found on Santosh Patil's phone.

"I had written to the Governor a few days ago, saying that Mr. Eshwarappa was influencing the probe. Now, I will write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I will also go to court if needed," she said.

Telangana to look into rice procurement lapses

Custom milling of rice to be resumed

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The Centre has asked the Telangana government to address lapses in rice procurement by the former for remedial action that would enable resumption of custom milling of rice at mills which was stopped since July 7.

About 93 lakh tonnes of foodgrains and rice are lying idle at 3,300 small and big mills after the Centre suspended custom milling as the State government did not undertake distribution of Prime Minister's Garib Kalyn Anna Yojana of distribution of free rice to poor to overcome the impact of COVID-19 in April and May this year. This was after the State government had lifted its quota of 1.90 lakh tonnes of free rice for the two months.

The Ministry of Food and Public Distribution System on Wednesday said it had also stopped custom milling due to certain lapses in physical verification of stocks at the mills in March and May.

The lapses related to shortage of 4.53 lakh bags of rice were noticed at 40 mills during the verification on March 31. Again in May, another 1.37 lakh bags were missing at 63 mills.

The Civil Supplies Commissioner of the State had assured that the stocks would be kept in a countable position along with proper book keeping and observing standard operating procedure. To date, however, no concrete action had been taken by the government against defaulting mills .

The refusal of Centre to resume custom milling had resulted in germination of paddy stocks at rice mills.

Centre released about ₹3,000 cr. for TS disaster relief: Kishan

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The Centre has released about ₹3,000 crore in the last eight years and more than ₹1,500 crore since 2018 for "overall disaster relief in Telangana," said Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of North-east G. Kishan Reddy on Wednesday.

Another ₹377.60 crore has been allocated for 2022-23 as part of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) but it will be released once the "pending utilisation certificates, annual reports and necessary documents are submitted" with the Ministry of Home assuring of complete support and cooperation in this matter, he said in a press release.

The Minister, also the Secunderabad MP, charged the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) with making "misleading" statements about not receiving any assistance under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) since 2018 or during the floods in Hyderabad or the Godavari floods now.

The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments concerned as it undertakes relief measures in the wake of natural disasters from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), already placed at their disposal. Additional financial assistance is provided from NDRF, as per laid down procedure in case of disaster of 'severe nature', which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team, he maintained.

Mr. Kishan Reddy explained that the Central Government contributes 75% of SDRF allocation for Telangana, which is a general category State/UT whereas the NDRF, constituted under Section 46 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, supplements SDRF, in case of a disaster of severe nature, and provided adequate funds are not available in State Disaster Response Fund.

For availing the NDRF funds, the State Government is required to submit a memorandum indicating the sector-wise damage and requirement of funds. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) is constituted and deputed for an on-the-spot assessment of damage and requirement of funds for relief operations, as per the extant items and norms of SDRF and NDRF, he said.

Mr. Kishan Reddy said that in 2020-2021, during the floods in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, the allocation to the SDRF was approximately ₹599 crore of which the Centre's share was $449 crore.

MLA recants comments on Rema's widowhood

Speaker flays CPI(M) leader's remarks

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CPI(M) MLA M.M. Mani on Wednesday told the Kerala Assembly that he was withdrawing the controversial comment on Revolutionary Marxist Party (RMP) MLA K.K. Rema.

Kerala Speaker M.B. Rajesh's arguably damning ruling on a point of order raised by Congress legislator Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan prompted Mr. Mani to disavow his contentious statement. Mr. Mani said: "As a communist, I should not have said that Ms. Rema's widowhood was her fate. I withdraw my remark."

Mr. Rajesh said a "wrong concept" seemed ingrained in Mr. Mani's statement. "The Chair can expunge obvious unparliamentary remarks from Assembly records. Members should withdraw of their own volition reactionary expressions," he said. Mr. Rajesh said: "Meanings of words are relative to the social context in which they are used. Some words resonate with the feudal values discarded by modern society."

Lawmakers were subject to stern social audits. Hence, their utterances should not appear at odds with progressive values. Legislators should consider their words when referring to women, transgender people, the physically and mentally challenged and the marginalised, he said.

The Opposition had disrupted the House on July 14 and 15, accusing Mr. Mani of making light of Ms. Rema's widowhood. They demanded that the Speaker expunge the comment from Assembly records and asked Mr. Mani to apologise.

'K-Rail yet to submit details sought by Railway Ministry'

Union Minister Vaishnaw submits reply in Parliament

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Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday made it clear in Parliament that the detailed project report (DPR) submitted by the Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (K-Rail) lacks sufficient details for the technical feasibility of the project. Despite being asked to furnish the full details required to arrive at a conclusion, K-Rail has not submitted these, said Mr. Vaishnaw.

K-Rail was asked to provide detailed technical documents such as alignment plan, particulars of railway land and private land, crossings over existing network, duly depicting affected railway assets after site verification for the detailed examination of the project. However, the joint venture company of Kerala and the Union Ministry of Railways is yet to submit the details sought by Railways, said Mr. Vaishnaw in a written reply in Parliament.

Further, soil condition, natural drainage, environmental issues, debt serviceability with mainly passenger traffic and so on will be looked into after receiving the details. In addition, issues raised by the people, including the debt servicing ability of the State, will also be looked into, he said.

Some of the issues brought to the attention of the Centre include SilverLine affecting the prospects of the expansion of railway sidings operated by the Angamaly railway station for the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

The proposed alignment will demolish several religious structures and the proposed route of SilverLine is prepared in such a way that the same adversely affects the life and property of the residents of Poundukadavu in the capital district who have been residing there for the past 70 years, said Mr. Vaishnaw.

Tigress captured in Wayanad

It was found to be unfit to be released into the wild as it had lost its canine teeth

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A tigress that triggered panic among local residents at the Kakkadamkunnu and Vakery areas near Sulthan Bathery in Kerala under the South Wayanad Forest Division, was captured by the Forest department from a coffee estate on Wednesday.

The tigress, aged about 14 years, had triggered panic among the villagers for the past one month after the workers of the Edan Valley estate at Kakkadamkunnu sighted the animal in different parts of the estate. Moreover, it had allegedly killed a dog from the coffee estate recently.

A team, led by forest officer K.P. Abdulsamad, had set up a trap inside the estate on Monday. The animal walked into the trap around 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

Game over: The tigress captured by the Forest Department at Kakkadamkunnu on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The predator was shifted to the animal hospice and palliative care unit for big cats in the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) at Sulthan Bathery on the directive of South Wayanad Divisional Forest Officer Shajna Kareem.

The big cat was examined by a team of veterinary experts, and found to be unfit to be released into the wild as it had lost its canine teeth, department sources said. It was under observation to identify any infection to its internal organs, they added.

Resident of sanctuary

The animal was identified as WW 54, a resident of the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, home to more than half the number of tigers present in the State, Ms. Kareem told *The Hindu*.

The big cat was first sighted in 2011, Ms. Kareem said. Later it was sighted in 2016 and 2018 in different parts of the sanctuary, she added.

A hint of stability

With a new government in Sri Lanka, India must review its options in extending help

As a leader who was the lone member of his party in Parliament, Ranil Wickremesinghe can only see his victory in Sri Lanka's presidential elections on Wednesday as a political windfall. However, the position comes with a crown of thorns. His first challenge will be to reach out to the people, including the protesters in Colombo demanding his resignation, which is something politicians usually do before they win an election, not after. Building credibility with them will require distancing himself from the very faction of the ruling SLPP backed by Mahinda Rajapaksa that won him the elections. If he fails to satisfy the "street", then general elections, which Sri Lanka can barely afford at this point, will be the only remaining course. Elections would only further delay the task of economic rebuilding, particularly the much-needed negotiations with the IMF for a bailout. In normal course, the six-time Prime Minister will be equal to the challenge. However, his performance over the past few months as PM has not seen him emerge with any big ideas to control the crisis. A combination of the fall in domestic production, tax revenues, remittances, and currency reserves signals that the road out of this economic trough will be arduous. In addition, President Wickremesinghe, and whoever fills his position as Prime Minister, will have to make many more unpopular decisions once the IMF negotiations are concluded, and the bailout stipulations and conditions spelt out.

New Delhi will also have to review its options, given the proximity, and as External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar told an all-party meeting on Tuesday, the Government will naturally worry about the "spill over" from the Sri Lankan situation. The Modi government has adopted a three-pronged strategy – expressing sympathy with the people of Sri Lanka and their "quest for stability and economic recovery through democratic means"; extending "unprecedented" financial assistance, credit lines and essential food, fuel and medicines worth U.S.$3.8 billion since January 2022; and distancing itself from the Rajapaksas. The policy has reaped dividends in public goodwill in Sri Lanka for India, particularly in comparison to other partners such as China that have only provided humanitarian aid worth approximately $74 million, and not much else by way of credit lines and debt restructuring and deferrals of repayment this year. It is significant that India's first reaction to Mr. Wickremesinghe's election was understated, given the uncertainties still surrounding the government. However, if the new government is to have a chance at overcoming the odds, New Delhi's support, bilaterally and internationally, will be essential, and the Modi government must decide if continuing its policy of distance from the leadership will achieve its objectives with its close neighbour in the months ahead.

Saving mothers

Data on MMR should lead to restructuring health-care systems for women

Few things in science or social science are as incontestable as the importance of maternal health to human development. Maternal mortality indicates a woman's ability to access health care, contraceptive devices, nutrition, and, in a sense, is a mark of the efficiency of a health-care system in responding to demands made of it. A recent study published in the peer-reviewed journal, *PLOS Global Public Health*, casts a shadow over the progress of health care targeting women in the country, but also, questions the reliability of the country's own periodic estimates of maternal mortality ratio, or MMR (number of mothers who die from complications in pregnancy for every one lakh live births.) Researchers from the International Institute for Population Sciences triangulated data from routine records of maternal deaths under the Health Management Information System, with Census data and the Sample Registration System (SRS) to provide the MMR for all States and districts of India. The analysis suggests that 70% of districts (448 out of 640 districts) in India have reported MMR above 70 deaths – a target under the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Many of the districts in southern India and Maharashtra have an MMR of less than 70. At the same time, the north-eastern and central regions have the least number of districts (12 and six districts, respectively) with an MMR less than 70. Significantly, it also demonstrates the presence of huge within-State inequalities, even among the better performers – Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. Similar heterogeneity was observed in other States as well. According to the SRS (2016-18), only Assam (215) has an MMR of more than 200, while in this district-level assessment, the indications are that about 130 districts have reported above 200 MMR.

It is ironic that as the nation plans to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Independence grandly, so many districts still show a very high MMR, clearly indicative of the inadequacy of responsiveness of health systems. But that is not the only reason. There is adequate proof that improvements in access to contraceptives, antenatal care, post-delivery health care, body mass index, and the economic status, besides a concerted reduction of higher-order births, births in higher ages, will help reduce MMR. The message during this milestone anniversary year is two pronged: improve overall care for women, and keep real time track of such crucial health data. Immediate action is required to meet the SDG goal regarding MMR. Ultimately, it is more than about just the numbers. There are people – mothers and infants, entire families – behind these numbers who will benefit from such an urgent and intense action on reducing eminently preventable deaths.

Revamp India's school health services

As schools reopen, there is a need and an opportunity for States to look at a comprehensive package of services

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Children across India are back to school for in-person classes after an unnecessarily prolonged and arguably unwarranted closure (especially for the last one year) in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is time for concrete policy measures and actions that target schoolchildren. On the education front, while there has been some discourse on 'learning recovery', there is an urgent need to factor in the health needs of schoolchildren. One of the reasons school health services receive inadequate policy attention is because health-care needs are often equated with medical care needs. Though school age children have a relatively low sickness rate (and thus limited medical care needs), they do have a wide range and age-specific health needs that are linked to unhealthy dietary habits, irregular sleep, lack of physical activity, mental, dental and eye problems, sexual behaviour, and the use of tobacco and other substances, addiction, etc. Then, the health knowledge acquired, and lifestyle adopted in the school-going age are known to stay in adulthood and lay the foundations of healthy behaviour for the rest of their life. For example, scientific evidence shows that tobacco cessation efforts are far more successful if started in school.

The evolution

The first documented record of school health services in India goes back to 1909 when the then presidency of Baroda began the medical examination of schoolchildren. Later, the Sir Joseph Bhore committee, in its 1946 report, observed that school health services in India were underdeveloped and practically non-existent. In 1953, the secondary education committee of the Government of India recommended comprehensive policy interventions dealing with school health and school feeding programmes. The result was programmatic interventions, led by a few selected States, that mostly focused on nutrition. However, school health has largely remained a token service.

In two and half years of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has barely been any serious initiative about school health. In the first week of March 2022, the government of Delhi began 20 school health clinics with the promise of more. Though small, this initiative has two messages. One, it recognises the importance of school health services in the post-pandemic period. Two, the importance of multi-stakeholder partnership for school health services as these are being set up through corporate social responsibility funding from a donor on the one hand and internal collaboration between health and education departments within government on the other. On a flip side, by the Delhi government's own assertion, these clinics are curative focused services. They also highlight the main issue: what makes comprehensive school health services has still not been fully understood.

FRESH approach

One of the reasons for wrongly designed, and often very rudimentary, school health services – not only in India but also in most low- and middle-income countries – is, arguably, limited understanding and clarity on what constitutes well-functioning and effective school health services. This situation co-exists in spite of much evidence guided by international literature. UNESCO, UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank have published an inter-agency framework called FRESH – an acronym for Focusing Resources on Effective School Health. The FRESH framework and tools propose four core areas and three supporting strategies. The core areas suggest that school health services need to focus on school health policies, i.e., water, sanitation and the environment; skills-based health education and school-based health and nutrition services. The supporting strategies include effective partnerships between the education and health sectors, community partnership and student participation.

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Additionally, guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, U.S. advise that school health services should focus on four main areas of acute and emergency care; family engagement; chronic disease management; and care coordination. According to WHO , school health services should be designed based on local need assessment; should have components of health promotion, health education, screening leading to care and/or referral and support as appropriate. The objective of school health services has to be the promotion of positive health, prevention of disease, early diagnosis, treatment and follow up, raising health consciousness in children and enabling the provision of a healthy school environment.

In the last three decades, many countries (especially in Europe), have successfully implemented these approaches as part of the health-promoting schools (HPS) initiative. Clearly, there is a lot to learn in terms of designing school health services.

Opportunity in reopening

As schools reopen to full capacity, there is a need and an opportunity for a proactive approach for having expanded and strengthened school health services.

First, every Indian State needs to review the status and then draw up a road map to revamp and strengthen school health services, along with a detailed timeline and dedicated budgetary allocation. The Fifteenth Finance Commission grant for the health sector should and could be leveraged.

Second, build upon the existing school health infrastructure; the renewed focus has to have comprehensive, preventive, promotive and curative services with a functioning referral linkage. Health talks and lifestyle sessions (by schoolteachers and invited medical and health experts) should be a part of teaching just as physical activity sessions are. Some of the teaching must look at adolescent sexual health; also, subjects such as menstrual hygiene, etc. should be integrated into regular classroom teaching.

Third, school health clinics should be supplemented with online consultation for physical and mental health needs. This could be an important starting point to destigmatise mental health services.

Fourth, the role and the participation of parents, especially through parent-teacher meetings should be increased. Parents need to be sensitised about how school health services are delivered in other countries; this may work as an important accountability mechanism to strengthen school health. Innovative approaches that offer limited health services to parents, families and even schoolteachers could increase use, acceptance and demand.

Fifth, the Government's school health services initiatives do not include private schools most of the time. Private schools do have some health services, which are nearly always restricted to curative care and taking care of emergencies. Clearly, school health services should be designed to take care of schoolchildren be they in private or government-run schools.

Sixth, under the Ayushman Bharat programme, a school health initiative was launched in early 2020, but its implementation is sub-optimal. There is a need to review this initiative, increase dedicated financial allocation to bring sufficient human resources and monitor performance based on concrete outcome indicators. Otherwise, it will end up being a 'missed opportunity'.

Seventh, children are the future of society, but only if they are healthy and educated. Therefore, elected representatives, professional associations of public health and paediatricians shoulder the responsibility – every citizen should raise the issue and work towards improved school health services being present in every State of India.

A few weeks ago, following a review of the implementation of the National Education Policy, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is said to have advised regular health check-ups and screening schoolchildren. Some letters were said to have been sent to the Health Department and requests made to depute medical interns and students in post-graduate courses to conduct a health check-up in schools. Such an approach on an issue that needs a thorough approach is akin to 'tokenism'. India's children need better handling than this.

For a platform

Every challenge has a silver lining The onus is on health policy makers and programme managers in every Indian State to do everything in the best interests of children. The Departments of Education and Health in every Indian State must work together to strengthen school health services. It is an opportunity to bring children, parents, teachers, health and education sector specialists and the Departments of Health and Education on a common platform to ensure better health and quality education for every child in India. A convergence of the National Health Policy, 2017 and National Education Policy, 2020 should result in the provision of comprehensive school health services in every Indian State.

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India-Vietnam ties, from strong to stronger

As New Delhi pursues its 'Act East Policy', Hanoi has become a valuable partner in the Indo-Pacific region

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India and Vietnam are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their diplomatic relations. Bolstering friendship between the two countries is a natural outcome of a growing convergence of their strategic and economic interests, and also their common vision for peace, prosperity and their people. A strong commitment of political leadership along with the necessary institutional frameworks and cooperation between the two countries is likely to be more robust in the future. More importantly, embedding a flexible framework of engagement can contribute positively to regional stability and prosperity.

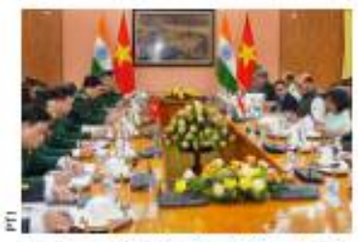
Shared concerns

India is essentially a maritime nation and the oceans hold the key to India's future. India's external trade (over 90% by volume and 70% by value) is by sea. Very dependent on the seas for its trade and commerce, India has intensified its efforts to engage with maritime neighbours, including Vietnam.

India's relations with Vietnam – some of which is based on a set of historical commonalities – predate any conflict between India and China as well as that between China and Vietnam. The strategic dimensions of Indo-Vietnamese relations, initiated during the 1980s, began unfolding in the form of structured and institutional arrangements during the 1990s. As India pursues its 'Act East Policy', Vietnam has become a valuable partner in India's political and security engagements in the Indo-Pacific region. The two countries are working to address shared strategic concerns (such as energy security and open and secure sea lines of communication), and make policy choices without undue external interference. Given India's broadening economic and strategic interests in the region and Vietnam's desire for strategic autonomy, both countries will benefit from a stronger bilateral relationship. India and Vietnam face territorial disputes with and shared apprehensions about their common neighbour, China. Vietnam is of great strategic importance because its position enables it to control 'the South China Sea – a true Mediterranean of the Pacific'. The maritime domain, therefore, has become an essential element of India and Vietnam cooperation.

The driving forces

There are four key motivations behind India's growing maritime engagement with Vietnam. First, India's aspiration to counter an assertive China by strengthening Vietnam's military power. Second, with India's increasing trade with East and Southeast Asia, India has begun to recognise the importance of its sea lines of communication beyond its geographical proximity; the South China Sea occupies a significant geostrategic and geo-economic position, resulting in India's renewed interests in



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the South China Sea. Third, India desires to intensify its presence to track potential developments in the maritime domain that could affect its national interests. And fourth, the Indian Navy underlines the importance of a forward maritime presence and naval partnership that would be critical to deter potential adversaries. India's maritime strategic interests in the region are well established, including the fact that almost 55% of India's trade with the Indo-Pacific region passes through the South China Sea.

More importantly, India sees an open and stable maritime commons being essential to international trade and prosperity; therefore, it has an interest in protecting the sea lanes. With this renewed interest in the maritime domain, freedom of navigation, a peaceful resolution of disputes and a respect for international laws have become salient features of the Indian approach. India is willing to take a principled stand on territorial disputes in the hope that it contributes to the stabilisation of the Indo-Pacific. Such positions align closely with Vietnam's stance on the management of the South China Sea disputes.

Ever since the formal declaration of a strategic partnership in 2007 and Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2016, the scope and scale of the India-Vietnam strategic and defence cooperation, particularly in the maritime domain, is deepening with a clear vision, institutional mechanisms and the necessary political support from both governments. The signing of 'Joint Vision for Defence Cooperation' and a memorandum of understanding on mutual logistics support in June 2022 has further strengthened mutual defence cooperation. While a U.S.$100 million Defence Line of Credit has been implemented, India has also announced early finalisation of another U.S.$500 million Defence Line of Credit to enhance Vietnam's defence capability. New Delhi has also agreed to expand military training and assist the Vietnam Navy's strike capabilities. For example, it is providing 'comprehensive underwater combat operation' training to Vietnamese sailors at INS Satavahana in Visakhapatnam. India's Defence Minister handed over 12 high-speed boats to Vietnam recently' a Khukri-class corvette is also expected to be gifted soon. Vietnam is also 'exploring the possibility of acquiring Indian-manufactured surveillance equipment such as unmanned aerial vehicles'.

Using frameworks

The two countries are also engaging in wide-ranging practical cooperation in the maritime domain through a maritime security dialogue, naval exercises, ship visits, Coast Guard cooperation, and training and capacity building. They have found mutual convergences on cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region and are synergising their efforts to work in bilateral as well as other sub-regional and multilateral frameworks, such as the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation, ADMM-Plus or the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting-Plus. The Special Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting in June 2022 has proposed an ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise and informal meeting between India and ASEAN Defence Ministers in November 2022. Both countries are also looking at collaboration around the seven pillars of the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

There are some other potential areas for New Delhi and Hanoi to further deepen collaboration, such as meaningful academic and cultural collaborations, shipbuilding, maritime connectivity, maritime education and research, coastal engineering, the blue economy, marine habitat conservation, and advance collaboration between maritime security agencies. The IPOI framework presents immense opportunities for India-Vietnam relations to aid regional progress and peace. The road map agreed upon by the leaders will be helpful in addressing common challenges and decisively navigating towards making an India-Vietnam partnership that helps in stability in the Indo-Pacific.

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Inner-party democracy

It is only fair to say that political parties in India do not adhere to true inner-party democracy (OpEd page July 20). Most of them are under the ironclad grip and control of 'supreme leaders' who have made themselves indispensable and unquestionable. To change this it is a must that lawmakers become accountable and answerable to the voters who elected them. It is time that the candidates of parties are selected by their local leadership instead of being 'imposed' from above, as is in vogue now. The allegiance and loyalty of the rank and file should always be to the party. There should be no place for personal loyalties. Every leader must be assessed based on his integrity and rectitude and commitment to the party's programmes and policies. Admittedly, all these are a dream but many Indians badly want them to be practised here to make our democracy dynamic and meaningful.

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Malippara, Kothamangalam, Kerala

Frisking at NEET

The incident at a National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) centre, in Kollam, Kerala, where some female students were 'asked' to remove their innerwear is abhorrent and violative of human dignity. It should be kept in mind that even ultra high security installations routinely operate 'clean methods' of frisking and security checks. This incident should result in an investigation into the methods of frisking during competitive examinations.

ASWIN JAYAKUMAR,
Thiruvananthapuram

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS: A sentence in the International page report (July 20, 2022) headlined "Sunak holds on to lead after four rounds" that read "Mr. Sunak is now one vote away from 119... (or a third of 357 MPs) – *the threshold to make it to the final two*, whose names will be announced on Wednesday afternoon" – should be recast to say: "Mr. Sunak is now one vote away from 119 (or a third of 357 MPs) – *the threshold is therefore 120, to make it to the final two*, whose names will be announced on Wednesday afternoon.

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The cost of misrepresenting inflation

The inadequacy of monetary policy to address food-price-driven inflation has been recently flagged

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Globally, inflation is now the prime concern of governments, even as there is a speculation that a recession may not be far behind. In India, though, government agencies regularly announce that the country is growing at a much faster rate than most economies and presently assert that inflation is much lower. The growth performance is not so surprising given that among the larger economies of the world, India's economy contracted the most in 2020-21. But despite the sharp recovery, real output in 2021-22 was barely higher than in the pre-pandemic year of 2019-20.

On the claim that inflation in India is not so high in an international comparison, note that before the recently announced rise in the U.S. inflation rate for June, inflation here was close to what it was there. While the data on inflation in India is in the public domain, the public may be excused for not seeing that India's economic agencies appear to have not fully understood what is driving it, for this requires some specialist knowledge. The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been reported as saying that there was a "need to recognise global factors in inflation".

In our view, the diagnosis that the current inflation in India is, even largely, due to global factors is wrong, and harmful for reasons that we set out.

Factors driving inflation

It is a common mistake to observe sharply rising prices of certain goods and conclude therefrom that it is this that is driving inflation. This conclusion can be way off the mark when the concerned goods account for only a small part of the consumption basket that the overall consumer price index is based on. Thus, while the price of edible oils and the world price of crude may have risen following the Ukraine war, the impact of this development on overall inflation in India, measured by the rise in the consumer price index, would depend upon their share in the consumption basket of households, which is relatively low.

Our investigation of price trends among the major commodity groups threw up some findings crucial to understanding the current inflation in India.

Contrary to the belief that the rise in inflation in India is due to higher international prices, we found that for the commodity groups 'fuel and light' and 'fats and oils', chosen as proxies for the price of imported fuel and edible oils, respectively, inflation has actually been lower in the first five months of 2022 than in the last five months of 2021. On the other hand, for the commodity group 'food and beverages', it was exactly the reverse, i.e., inflation has been much higher in the more recent period. Not surprisingly, the estimated direct contribution of this group to the current inflation dwarfs that of all other groups, establishing conclusively that the inflation is driven by domestic factors. This is also readily seen when we find inflation in India trending upwards from October 2021, that is, well before the war in Eastern Europe.

While the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India may have flagged global factors in the current inflation, its monetary policy seems to be based on a somewhat different view. Starting in May, the repo rate has been raised. Raising the interest rate in an attempt to control inflation, implicitly assumes that it reflects economy-wide excess demand. Such a diagnosis of the current inflation is belied by the fact that the price of food is rising faster than that of other goods i.e., its relative price has risen. So, the excess demand is in the market for foodstuff, and it is this that needs to be eliminated. To persist with monetary policy to curb inflation under these circumstances is to miss the point that, being a macroeconomic instrument, it cannot affect any particular price.

'Necessary food surplus'

The inadequacy of monetary policy to address food-price-driven inflation has been flagged by economists internationally.

Thus, at the World Economic Forum's annual meet held at Davos, Switzerland in June, Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz observed that "raising interest rates is not going to solve the problem of inflation. It is not going to create more food. What you do is that you have supply-side interventions. Killing the economy through raising interest rates is not going to solve the inflation in any time frame. We used to have surpluses in food in the United States – we can get those back. At least, trying to do everything we can globally to increase the supply is going to do more in dealing with the problem." Another observation comes from the head of the U.S. central bank itself, the Federal Reserve Bank, made to the U.S. House of Representatives in June. Jerome Powell is reported stating that even though the Fed's resolve to fight inflation is unconditional, "a big part of inflation won't be affected by our tools". This is an acknowledgement that there is only so much a central bank can do when battling inflation driven by the rise in energy and food prices. That an independent economist would suggest the impotence of monetary policy to control food inflation is not news, but when the head of a leading central bank does so, it should draw our attention. Interestingly, those responsible for inflation management in India continue to give the impression that the current inflation can be dealt with effectively by monetary policy.

This stance by the economic arm of the government of India, that inflation can be controlled by monetary policy, could have been ignored were it not potentially harmful. To hold on to the view that inflation in India is due to excess aggregate demand curable by raising interest rates ensures that attention is not paid to the necessary supply-side interventions. Note the call by American economists to bring back the food surpluses in the United States, even when their country has hardly ever experienced food shortages. By comparison, food in India has never been plentiful, reflected in the high share of the average household budget devoted to it. And, there is here an undercurrent of a food price inflation, which, by exacerbating poverty, stands in the way of a more rapid expansion of the economy.

As the current inflation represents a domestic imbalance, it will not end with the crashing of food prices taking place on the global market right now.

The failure to see inflation in India as the reflection of a structural feature of its economy ensures that there is very little chance that one of India's urgent problems will be solved.

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CAPFs: children of a lesser God

The sacrifices made by CAPF personnel should not be ignored. They deserve better

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Way back in 1975, when I was awarded the President's Police and Fire Service Medal for Gallantry for my derring-do in an encounter with Naga insurgents in Tamenglong district of Manipur, I sent a copy of the Government's Gazette Notification to the Tamil Nadu Government as I hail from that State. While I expected to be given a piece of land in my native district of Tiruchirappalli, all that I got by way of a reply was the Government of India notification laying down the rules governing the award of the said medal which I already had. In course of time, I realised that my State chooses to ignore its policemen for their gallant action. Thankfully, during the last few years, the State has been paying a solatium of ₹1 crore for those who lay down their lives in the course of their duties. While the policemen are given a step-motherly treatment, personnel from the defence services are treated with some modicum of respect, not just in Tamil Nadu but in several other States too.

Better monetary grants

While defence personnel are paid handsome monetary grants by certain States, several others turn parsimonious. While the Telangana Government's grant is ₹2.25 crore for winners of Param Vir Chakra (PVC) (the highest war time gallantry award) and the Ashoka Chakra (highest peace time gallantry award), and ₹1.25 crore for Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) (second highest war time gallantry award) and the Kirti Chakra (second highest peace time gallantry award), the Tamil Nadu Government's monetary grants are ₹25 lakh, ₹20 lakh, ₹15 lakh and ₹10 lakh for the PVC, the Ashoka Chakra, the MVC and the Kirti Chakra, respectively.

The police medals for gallantry and services are never in the reckoning for any monetary benefits by the States, except the Rajasthan Government which pays a paltry sum to the awardees. While an Ashoka Chakra awardee gets paid ₹2 lakh and 25 *bighas* of land or ₹2 lakh in lieu of land, an awardee of the President's Police and Fire Service Medal for Gallantry (PPFSMG) gets ₹75,000 and 25 *bighas* of land, while the President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG), which is lower in the order of seniority vis-à-vis the PPFSMG, gets a higher sum of ₹1 lakh along with 25 *bighas* of land. For the Police Medal for gallantry, the amount paid is just ₹50,000 and 25 *bighas* of land.

CAPFs comprise the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and the Assam Rifles. They were, however, eligible for Chakra series of medals if the battalions were placed under the operational control of the Army.

Assistant Commandant of the BSF – Ram Krishna Wadhwa – was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra posthumously for his gallant action in the Indo-Pak war of 1971 at Mamdot on the western borders, as the battalion was under the Army control operationally. Bimla Devi, a constable of CRPF, was awarded the Sena Medal for her alertness that led to recovery of 770 detonators from a woman who was working as a courier for militants in Jaffna in August 1988.

The President's notification of January 4, 1952 had debarred personnel of the police forces and the fire services from being conferred with chakra series of medals, though civilians were eligible. A notification of June 24, 1999 amended the order to include "citizens of either sex in all walks of life and members of police forces including Central Para Military Forces and the Railway Protection Force", which rendered them eligible for the Chakra series of medals. As a result, several policemen and personnel of the CAPFs have been awarded Chakra series of medals since then.

Three classes of gallantry medals

For want of clear-cut guidelines about the award of chakra series of medals and the police gallantry awards, the Government could consider setting up a high powered committee to go into the nitty-gritty of instituting three classes of gallantry medals exclusively for the police forces on the lines of the Ashoka Chakra, the Kirti Chakra and the Shaurya Chakra, which could be named Sarvottam Police Chakra (SPC), Uttam Police Chakra (UPC) and Police Chakra (PC). Those who have been awarded the PPFSMG and the PPMG could be placed at par with the Kirti Chakra and awardees of the PMG could be placed at par with the Shaurya Chakra.

Minister of State, Nityanand Rai, had stated in the Rajya Sabha in March 2022 that over 2,000 personnel, including 47 Gazetted Officers of the CAPF lost their lives on operational duties during the last three years. The sacrifices made by the police and the CAPF personnel in the service of the nation cannot just be ignored. They deserve a much better and honourable deal.

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STATE OF PLAY

A fatal blow to the Maoists

The pushback by security forces, and the arrest of key leaders have affected the movement

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The recent arrest of Vanthala Ramakrishna alias Ashok alias Prabhakar and the surrender of 60 Maoist operatives, including 33 party members and 27 hardcore militia members, have delivered a fatal blow to the Maoist movement in the Andhra-Odisha Border (AOB) region.

Ashok, a resident of Kondrum village of Injari panchayat in Pedabayalu, a Maoist hotbed in AOB, was the secretary of the Pedabayalu-Korukonda area committee of the Maoist party. He was arrested by the police of Alluri Sitharama Raju district. The revival of the movement largely depended on him. In fact, as per intelligence reports, a few leaders who have gone into hiding in Chhattisgarh, were planning to come back during the monsoon season when the forest is verdant and security forces are forced to lie low because of inclement weather. But Ashok's arrest and the surrender of 60 Maoists affects their return, especially since the militia network of Injari panchayat has collapsed. The Maoists have been surviving in this region thanks to tribal leaders and the militia network. Both are gone now, claimed a senior officer of the State Intelligence Bureau (Extremism).

The Alluri Sitharama Raju district in Andhra Pradesh and areas such as Chitrakonda and Malkangiri of Odisha have been the most preferred areas for left-wing extremists after Chhattisgarh in the AOB region.

The Maoist movement in the Agency areas of AOB in undivided Visakhapatnam district began in the mid-1980s and was led by the current general secretary of the party, Nambala Kesava Rao alias Basavraj, and a key member of the Central Committee, Cherukuri Rajkumar alias Azad, who was killed in 2010. From the 1980s till about 2014, the movement was at its peak, with the later part of the period being led by Akkiraju Haragopal alias Ramakrishna alias RK.

But fortunes begin to change with the elite anti-Maoist force of Andhra Pradesh, the Greyhounds, making deep inroads into the Andhra Pradesh side of the AOB and the Special Operation Group of Odisha affecting Maoist operations on the Odisha side. In October 2016, 30 Maoists were killed by the Greyhounds in Ramaguda. The Malkangiri-Koraput-Visakhapatnam Border Division was nearly wiped out as a result. Then, in the Teegalametta encounter in June 2021, six top leaders, including Ranadev and Ashok, were killed. Since the Ramaguda incident, the security forces on both sides stepped up their efforts, which forced a series of surrenders of almost all the tribal leaders. In the last two years alone, tribal leaders such as Boda Anjaiah alias Naveen, Gemmeli Kamesh alias Hari, Muttangar Jallandhar Reddy alias Krisha, Chikkudu Chinna Rao alias Sudheer, and Mahendra alias Dubasi Shankar surrendered. With the death of RK and the arrest of Kora Nageswara Rao, a powerful tribal leader, a couple of months ago, there were more surrenders.

The pushback by security forces, the string of surrenders and the arrest of key leaders forced top leaders such as Aruna, Gajarla Ravi alias Uday, and Kakuru Pandana alias Jagan to move to safer havens in Chhattisgarh. The surrender of tribal leaders also brought to the fore the conflict between the tribal and non-tribal leaders, which is now a major hindrance to the movement's revival. The leaders who surrendered are reported to have said that they were disillusioned with the movement. This apart, the security forces on both sides of the AOB region have grown. They have also cordoned off entry points from Chhattisgarh to Odisha and Andhra Pradesh by building a number of armed police outposts and Border Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force camps, which has made re-entry for the Maoists difficult.

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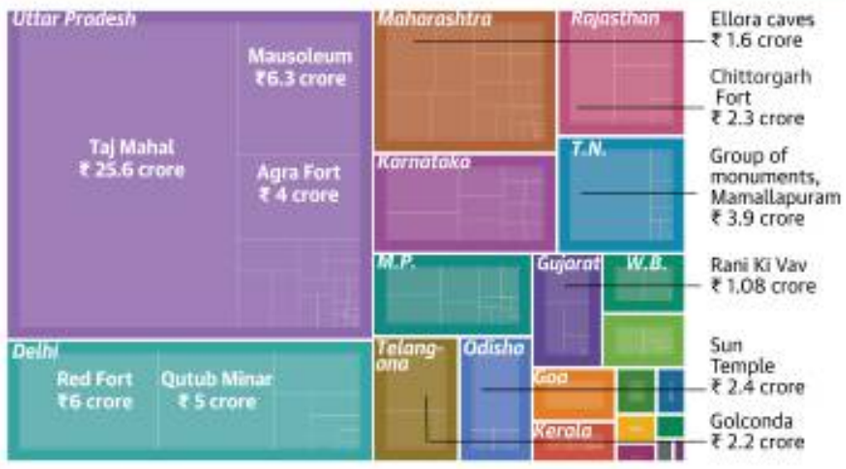
DATA POINT

Taj Mahal: the top-en'grossing' monument

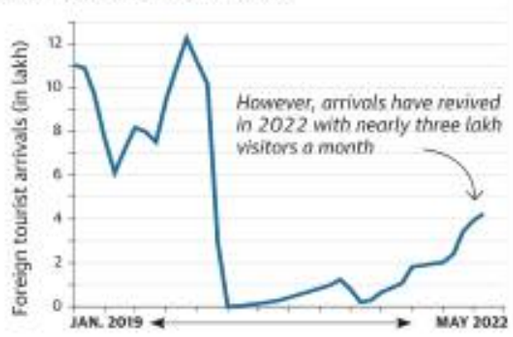
The Taj Mahal continued to be the most visited monument in India, raking in over ₹25 crore in FY22, despite a 73% decrease in revenue compared to FY20 (nearly ₹97 crore) due to COVID-related restrictions. Earnings from the Taj Mahal were over five times than that of Delhi's Red Fort and ten times than that of Mamallapuram monuments in Tamil Nadu and the Sun Temple in Bhubaneshwar each. Given the relatively higher ticket prices for foreign visitors, they make up a larger share of the Taj's earnings. Due to COVID-related restrictions, foreign tourist arrivals had crashed to just about one lakh in 2021 from over nine lakh visitors before the pandemic. However, by May 2022, foreign tourist arrivals have improved to over four lakh, exhibiting consistent increase from the pandemic lows. By **Jasmin Nihalani** and **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

Most visited | The chart shows revenue earned by centrally-protected monuments in FY22. The Taj Mahal collected over ₹25 crore, the highest among 144 monuments protected under the ASI. According to official data, the Taj Mahal attracts about 7-8 million visitors annually, with more than 0.8 million from overseas. The Taj Mahal's entry ticket to locals is ₹50 and for foreigners, it is ₹1,100. A back-of-the-envelope calculation shows that the Taj earns ₹40 crore from locals and ₹110 crore from foreign tourists

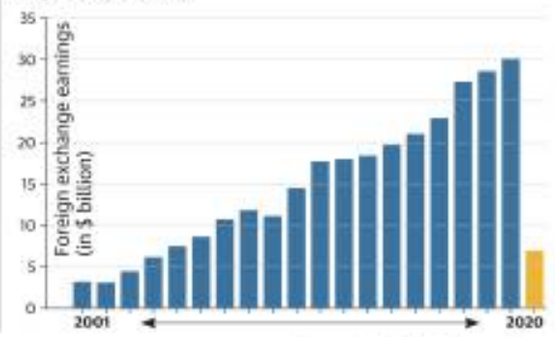


Pandemic impact
The chart shows the decline in revenue (in %) of the top ten highest grossing monuments in FY22 compared to FY20. In seven of the ten monuments, revenue declined by over 50% due to COVID-related restrictions

Arrivals revive | The chart shows month-wise foreign tourist arrivals between January 2019 and May 2022. Foreign tourist arrivals declined from roughly nine lakh a month in 2019 to one lakh in 2021.



Earnings fall | The chart shows year-wise foreign exchange earnings from tourism in the past 20 years. From a peak of $30 billion in 2019, earnings from tourism plunged to $7 billion in 2020



Source: Lok Sabha, Ministry of Tourism

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 21, 1972

Reopening of the Suez canal

Jerusalem, July 20: The Egyptian President, Mr. Anwar Sadat, contacted U.S. officials with the intent of seeking a reopening of the Suez canal and a political settlement with Israel, the 'Jerusalem Post' said to-day, quoting diplomatic sources. The newspaper said that Mr. Sadat instructed his aides to seek a top-level meeting with American officials. The request may have been conveyed to the chief U.S. representative in Cairo, Mr. Joseph Greene, by the President's National Security Adviser, Mr. Hafes Ismail. "The sources added that Mr. Sadat's immediate aim is to seek an early re-opening of the Suez canal, evidently under a partial settlement with Israel", the newspaper said. It quoted the diplomatic sources as saying that Mr. Sadat had informed the Central Committee of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party, of his renewed contacts with the Americans, at the same meeting at which he announced the ouster of the Soviet advisers. "The sources said that Mr Sadat also told the Central Committee that he would now seek a political settlement in the Middle East conflict", the Post said. In Washington, U.S. officials saw the seeds of a resumption of Arab-Israeli peace talks in President Sadat's decision to remove Soviet military advisers and experts from Egypt.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 21, 1922

Khilafat Committee

Bombay, July 20: The Khilafat Working Committee confirmed the appointment of the Khilafat Enquiry Committee as nominated by the President. Instead of Maulana Syed Sulaiman Nadvi, Nawab Ismail Khan of Meerut was elected as a member of the Enquiry Committee and he has joined the committee on its tour onwards. The Working Committee has unanimously elected Dr. Ansari as President of the next annual session of the All-India Khilafat Conference at Gaya. The Working Committee has resolved to send ten lakh rupees to Angora immediately out of the funds in hand. The headquarter of the Provincial Khilafat Committee, United Provinces has been transferred from Meerut to Aligarh on the recommendation of the Provincial Working Committee, United Provinces. The budget of the Central Khilafat Committee has been resolved to be placed before the next meeting of the Working Committee at Calcutta on August 14. The Provincial Khilafat Committees have been requested to curtail the recommendation.

FROM PAGE ONE

Ranil elected President of crisis-hit Sri Lanka

In the past three months, coinciding with Sri Lanka's escalating economic crisis, he has risen from lone MP to PM, before clinching Presidency on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, protesters from the 'Janatha Aragalaya' ('People's Struggle') have said they would agitate until Mr. Wickremesinghe, too, steps down.

"After 'Gota go home', demand number two of the people's protests was clearly 'Ranil go home'. He has no political mandate; he lost his own seat. He doesn't have the people's mandate," Marisa De Silva, human rights activist, told *The Hindu*. Over the last few months, the 'Aragalaya' did "much of the heavy lifting", Ms. De Silva said, in ousting Mahinda and Gotabaya Rajapaksa from office, and dismantling the Cabinet. "The Parliament had one job today – to heed the call of the people. Our MPs proved that they don't have the people's interest at heart," she said.

On May 12, recently ousted President Gotabaya appointed him as Prime Minister, replacing Mahinda , who had resigned days earlier, in the wake of violence triggered by his [Mahinda] supporters.

Zubair walks out of jail as SC grants bail in U.P. cases

The gravamen of the allegations arising out of his tweets were already the subject matter of a "fairly sustained" investigation by the Delhi Police. The Bench noted that Mr. Zubair had already been granted bail in the Delhi case

The charges in the Delhi case and the Uttar Pradesh FIRs clearly overlap, the Bench observed. The Uttar Pradesh Police had registered six FIRs, namely in Ghaziabad, Chandauli, Lakhimpur, Sitapur and two in Hathras. The court transferred all of them to the Delhi Police, rendering the Uttar Pradesh Police's Special Investigation Team redundant. "Fairness to the petitioner would require the entirety of the investigation to be clubbed and handled by one and the same agency... The FIRs require a consolidated investigation, and not a piecemeal one by a diverse set of law enforcement agencies," the Bench observed.

The court also transferred to Delhi a case against Mr. Zubair in Muzaffarnagar in which the police have filed a chargesheet.

SC asks if Shinde faction's dissent amounts to 'split'

"I have some doubts. This is just a thought process. This is a politically sensitive case... But after the removal of paragraph three, the concept of 'split' [as a defence against disqualification] is not recognised... Now, what are the consequences?" Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana asked the Shinde faction's lawyers.

While observing that the purpose of deletion of paragraph three as a defence from anti-defection law has to be considered in depth, the court, for the time being, asked the Maharashtra Assembly Speaker to maintain status quo on the disqualification proceedings against MLAs of both the Shinde and Thackeray factions. The latter group was issued disqualification notices by the Speaker after voting against Mr. Shinde in the floor test. The court directed the Assembly secretariat to keep its records in safe custody.

Mr. Salve accused the Thackeray faction and Deputy Speaker Narhari Zariwal of "throttling inner-party democracy" by initiating disqualification proceedings against Mr. Shinde and other MLAs.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and A.M. Singhvi said if Mr. Salve's arguments have to be accepted, "every government will be toppled".

The court asked Mr. Salve to file a counter-affidavit and directed the lawyers to frame their legal issues. It listed the case for August 1.

China mulling another highway in Aksai Chin

"Details of the new construction remain unclear, but the highway, when completed, may also go near hotly contested areas such as the Depsang Plains, Galwan Valley and Hot Springs on the LAC," the report said.

The plan for G695 follows long-held discussions to build another border highway to supplement G219 and act as another key artery that could help China mobilise resources rapidly towards border areas. China has also stepped up the construction of secondary highways at the provincial level that will connect the national highways to remote border areas.

This week, Beijing unveiled a new national road network plan that aims to build 4,61,000 km of roads – including 1,62,000 km of national expressways and 2,99,000 km of provincial highways – by 2035. Under the plan, the official *China News Service* reported, all cities with a 1 lakh population will be connected to a national highway in 30 minutes.

Two suspects in Sidhu Moosewala case killed

Pramod Ban, Additional Director-General of Police, Anti-Gangster Task Force, said: "They both were hiding in a building [in Bhakna village near the India-Pakistan border in Amritsar] and died in an exchange of fire. The operation lasted nearly five hours and ended around 4 p.m."

Mr. Ban said the police recovered an AK-47 rifle and heavy ammunition from the spot. A forensic team will examine a bag that was recovered.

Director-General of Police Gaurav Yadav said the police were keeping track of the suspects and following credible information.

Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead at Jahawarke village in Mansa district of Punjab on May 29, a day after his security cover was trimmed.

The police, during the investigation, had identified six shooters allegedly involved in the murder. The Special Cell of the Delhi Police had earlier nabbed Priyavrat Fauji, Kashish and Ankit Sirsa.

Prophet row: Bajrang Dal man stabbed

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RAIPUR

Tensions erupted in Madhya Pradesh's Agar-Malwa after a Bajrang Dal member was allegedly stabbed by a group of 13 men for supporting suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma on Wednesday.

The police have registered a case of attempt to murder and rioting against the alleged attackers and two had been arrested, said an officer.

The victim, Ayush Jadam, 25, is a local convener of the Hindutva outfit and had given some statement in support of Ms. Sharma, who was suspended by the BJP last month following a row over her alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammed.

Following the stabbing incident, Bajrang Dal and other right-wing outfits staged a sit-in outside the local Superintendent of Police's office and demanded swift action against the accused. The police officer said the incident had caused some tensions in the area but things were under control after barricades were put up.

Filmmaker remanded in police custody

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

A local court in Ahmedabad on Wednesday remanded Mumbai filmmaker Avinash Das in police custody for a day after he was presented before the court following his arrest. He will again be produced in court on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Das was arrested in a case relating to sharing on Twitter a photo of Union Home Minister Amit Shah with arrested IAS officer Pooja Singhal.

7 die after consuming illicit liquor

Residents allege police were aware of the sale of spurious alcohol in Howrah

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Seven people were killed and several fell ill after consuming allegedly spurious liquor at Ghusuri in Howrah district of West Bengal. Though the results of the post-mortem are awaited, family members of the dead said all of them had consumed illicit liquor from a shop in the area. A senior police officer of Howrah Police Commissionerate said that seven persons had lost their lives so far.

Illegal business: Policeman interacts with the residents after seven people died by consuming hooch in Howrah. •PTI

The liquor shop owner, Pratap Karmakar, has been arrested by Malipanchghora police. The shops selling illicit liquor have been closed and samples collected by the police.

The local people said that the dead had fallen ill on Tuesday night after consuming liquor from one shop. Family members said they started to vomit and complained of abdominal pain. Those who died were residents of a slum and were the only earning members of the family.

Tensions break out

People, mostly women, held protests in the area on Wednesday. They alleged that hooch dens had been operating in the area in full public view and the police were well aware of it. The locality where the deaths occurred is not far from the police station. Tensions prevailed in the area after the incident.

The wife of Ranjit Gupta, a victim, said that she had to take care of a five-year-old daughter. "Even if there was no money, he [her husband] would drink. Nothing was done to close these shops," she said.

A number of people were admitted to the State-run hospitals. Nearly five have been admitted to T.L. Jaiswal Hospital in Howrah. The superintendent of the hospital, Rabindranath Soren, said that five persons had been admitted to the hospital and their condition was critical. He said that the symptoms of the patients suggested that they had consumed illicit liquor.

Action against culprits

State Minister Arup Roy, who represents the Howrah Central constituency, said that action would be taken against the police if they were found responsible. The Minister said that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in the past had stood by the families of those who had lost their kin in such incidents. Only a few days ago, four persons died after consuming spurious liquor in Bardhaman district. The Opposition parties said that such deaths were recurring, and the administration was not taking any action.

Continuing tragedy

West Bengal has witnessed a number of deaths due to consumption of illicit liquor. More than 140 people were killed at Sangrampur in South 24 Parganas after consuming spurious liquor in December 2011.

While Sangrampur was one of the biggest illicit liquor tragedies which the country had ever encountered, incidents of deaths due to spurious liquor have continued in West Bengal. In November 2018, at least seven people died in an incident of consumption of illicit substances at Santipur in Nadia.

RTI queries on the issue of illicit liquor deaths and convictions have remained unanswered.

In 2021, socio-legal researcher and RTI activist Biswanath Goswami sought year-wise and district-wise breakup of the total number of death cases recorded in West Bengal due to consumption of illicit and toxic liquor from 2011 to 2021. No data was provided either by the State Excise Department or the West Bengal police.

Accused in DSP murder case held

Driver of truck that mowed down Surender Bishnoi arrested by Haryana police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

The prime accused in the case of murder of a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) was arrested on Wednesday in Bharatpur, Rajasthan. Two people have been arrested in connection with the murder so far.

DSP Surender Singh Bishnoi

Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij, in a tweet, said Mittar, the driver of the dumper truck that mowed down Tauru DSP Surender Singh Bishnoi, was arrested by the Haryana police at Ganghora village in Bharatpur. The truck has already been impounded. Ikkar, the truck cleaner, was arrested late on Tuesday night following a brief encounter and produced before the court on Wednesday. He was remanded in five days' police custody. Ikkar had sustained a bullet injury on the right leg during the encounter.

Truck owner still at large

"Arshad, the dumper truck's owner, is still at large. Several teams have been constituted to carry out raids and arrest him," said Varun Singla, Superintendent of Police, Nuh. He added that the truck's owner, driver and the cleaner were all related. "While Arshad and Mittar are brothers, Ikkar is their cousin," Mr. Singla said.

The Tauru market remained shut during the day in protest against the murder.

Singh was allegedly run over by the dumper truck carrying stones at an illegal mining site in Pachgaon village on Tuesday. He and his team had mounted a search at the illegal mining site following a tip-off during routine patrolling.

Mr. Singla said around a dozen villages across Nuh were involved in illegal stone mining, but it was not "organised" and done on a "small scale".

'No Pandit left Valley after Aug. 2019'

Out of 118 civilians killed in Kashmir, five are from the community, says Minister

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The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) informed the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday that no Kashmiri Pandit migrated from the Valley post-August 5, 2019, when the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was revoked by Parliament.

118 civilians killed

In a written reply, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said that 118 civilians had been killed in various terror incidents in J&K from August 5, 2019 to July 9 this year, which includes 21 Kashmiri Pandits, Hindus and Sikhs.

Members of Kashmiri Pandit United Front raise slogans during a protest in Jammu on June 20. •PTI

"The government has a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and the security situation has improved significantly in Jammu and Kashmir."

"There has been substantial decline in terrorist attacks from 417 in 2018 to 229 in 2021," the reply said.

Security personnel killed

Adding that 128 security personnel were killed during the period, the reply said, "Out of 118 civilians killed, five were Kashmiri Pandits and 16 belonged to other Hindu/Sikh communities. No pilgrim has been killed"

In another reply, the Minister stated that since August 2019, a total of 2359.45 hectares had been acquired by the government for various public purposes out of which 331.9 hectare had been acquired by the Centre.

Bangladesh invites Assam CM to boost ties on development

Its Foreign Minister praises Sarma's 'innovative ventures'

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Bangladesh has invited Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to Dhaka, the Chief Minister's Office in Guwahati has confirmed.

In a letter on July 5, Bangladesh Foreign Minister A.K. Abdul Momen praised Mr. Sarma's "innovative ventures", and said that the visit would provide both sides a better understanding of the development work that was taking place in Bangladesh.

Dr. Momen visited Assam along with a delegation on May 28 and 29 for the third conference of Natural Allies in Development and Interdependence (NADI-3).

During the conference, he conveyed that the Bangladesh government would "eliminate" radicalism from its soil. Mr. Sarma had expressed his ambition to turn Assam into an industrial hub.

In the letter, Dr. Momen referred to the visit warmly and thanked the leader for the hospitality extended to his delegation.

Inviting Mr. Sarma, Dr. Momen called upon the northeastern States, including Assam, to "reap the benefits" of the development dividends of Bangladesh. "Bangladesh has achieved remarkable socioeconomic advancement under the able and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina," he said in his letter.

Assam is currently hosting a delegation of *Mukti Joddhas* from Bangladesh, who were welcomed by Mr. Sarma on Tuesday evening in Guwahati.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Sarma praised Ms. Sheikh Hasina and said, her "determined steps" against terrorism and extremism have been instrumental in ensuring peace "inside and outside" Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is carrying out several infrastructure and power projects including major airports, bridges and power plants such as the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant that have the potential for creating regionwide developmental dynamics. For trade, connectivity, and natural resource management, it requires close coordination with the governments of West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura.

SC allows 27% OBC quota for civic elections

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in all the upcoming local body elections in Maharashtra. A Bench headed by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar accepted the report by the five-member Banthia Commission comprising 781 pages and allowed reservation for OBCs in the nagar panchayat, nagar parishad and BMC elections.

Senior advocate Shekhar Naphade told *The Hindu*, "The commission was appointed in March. It conducted a door-to-door survey and found that some areas have less OBC population while some have more. But the triple test laid down by the Constitutional Bench has been strictly adhered to."

HC junks plea to form panel on Gyanvapi

Petition filed to gain publicity: court

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Allahabad High Court has now dismissed a public interest litigation (PIL) plea seeking the formation of a committee to determine the nature of the structure allegedly found during the video survey of the Gyanvapi mosque, saying it appeared that the plea was filed with the intention to gain publicity.

A Lucknow Bench of the High Court (Justices Rajesh Singh Chauhan and Subhash Vidyarthi) held that several suits pertaining to this issue are already pending in civil courts in Varanasi and that the Supreme Court is also seized of this matter with a Special Leave Petition pending before it. Considering these facts, the court said it was not proper on the part of the petitioners to invoke its jurisdiction in this matter.

The court was hearing a PIL plea led by seven persons claiming to be followers of Sanatan Dharma.

Meanwhile, the survey was conducted in Varanasi and the report of the survey was leaked in public domain multiple times.

In the plea before the Allahabad High Court, the petitioners had sought permission for Hindu devotees to pray at the structure if it did turn out to be a *Shivling* as claimed by the plaintiffs to the suit.

The district court is set to take up the suit in this case on July 21 and the Supreme Court is also scheduled to hear matters related to the Gyanvapi dispute on July 21.

Ex-chief of Mumbai police in ED custody

'Pandey involved in phone tapping'

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A special CBI court in Delhi on Wednesday remanded former Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey to nine days in custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case, involving alleged illegal phone tapping of National Stock Exchange (NSE) employees.

Special Judge Sunena Sharma of the Rouse Avenue court here allowed ED to interrogate Mr. Pandey in their custody after the agency said he needed to be confronted with documents related to the case and other accused.

Prosecutors assisting the ED said that Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju appeared for the agency in court on Wednesday and moved an application seeking 14 days' custody of Mr. Pandey, who was arrested on Tuesday.

The agency has alleged that Mr. Pandey had indulged in the unlawful act of tapping MTNL phones, for which over ₹450 crore was paid, which had now become proceeds of crime that the agency needs to investigate.

IN BRIEF

Go First flight suffers windshield crack

NEW DELHI

A Delhi-Guwahati Go First flight was forced to divert course to Jaipur on Wednesday after its windshield cracked mid-flight. A senior official of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said they were investigating the incident. Its passengers were accommodated on an alternative aircraft. This is the third safety incident reported by the airlines, after the aviation safety regulator grounded two GoFirst aircraft following engine snags. Further investigation is on.

ED issues fresh summons to Sanjay Raut

MUMBAI

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Wednesday failed to appear before the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case over the alleged irregularities in redevelopment of a 'chawl' in Mumbai and sought time till August 7. However, the ED rejected his request and issued him another summons to appear before it on July 27. On July 1, he was questioned for 10 hours by the agency. After getting out of the office, he tweeted, "We were questioned for 10 hours and we gave full co-operation."

NIA searches nine locations in Valley

SRINAGAR

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) raided nine locations in Kashmir on Wednesday as part of its investigations into the recovery of 15 pistols made in Srinagarin June. "Nine locations were raided in Kashmir in the case related to the conspiracy of carrying out terror activities," the NIA said. Four accused persons were arrested in June and 15 pistols, 30 magazines, 300 rounds and one Scorpio vehicle were seized. "The searches conducted on the premises of suspects in the case have led to seizure of digital devices," the NIA said.

U.P. Minister quits 'hurt by discrimination'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

Levelling serious charges of discrimination and corruption, a Minister from the Dalit community in the Yogi Adityanath government resigned on Tuesday.

In a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Dinesh Khatik alleged that officials of his Ministry discriminated against him because of his caste. "My letters are not answered, and I have not been given any powers because I am a Dalit Minister," he said.

He did not attend Mr. Adityanath's meeting with the Ministers on Tuesday, and was seen travelling in his private vehicle.

Mr. Khatik said that when he inquired about corruption in the Namami Gange Project and irregularities in the transfer of officials, he was not provided any information.

He said the Principal Secretary (Irrigation) had hung up on his call.

There have been reports that Minister Jitin Prasada was anguished by action against senior Public Works Department officials for alleged corruption.

Protests paralyse Parliament yet again

Many Congress members held packets of milk, curd and shouted slogans against GST in Rajya Sabha

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Protests by Opposition parties against price rise and the imposition of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on packaged food products continued to paralyse the proceedings of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

On the third day of the Monsoon Session, however, legendary athlete P.T. Usha took oath in Hindi as a new member of the Rajya Sabha in the first half.

Dissenting voices: Congress and other Opposition MPs during a protest at Parliament complex on Wednesday. • PTI

War of words

The repeated adjournments triggered a war of words between the Opposition and the Treasury Benches, with the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, calling the Narendra Modi government "unparliamentary" and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi hitting back with his "Congress stands for destructive damage" comment.

Union Ministers Piyush Goyal and Smriti Irani attacked the Opposition for the continued disruptions and the logjam in Parliament.

For the third consecutive day, the Rajya Sabha did not function even as the Chair allowed discussion on the issue of rise in prices.

As soon as the Upper House assembled at 11 a.m., Mr. Kharge said he had given a notice under Rule 267 – which entails suspending all other business of the House – to discuss inflation and the imposition of GST on items that fuelled further price rise.

"The price rise has affected not only women but children and the old people also... 140 crore people are impacted. From pencil to milk, the prices of essential items have skyrocketed," Mr. Kharge said, even as his colleagues in the Opposition continued to raise slogans and demanded a discussion.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu replied, "I am allowing the discussion. You don't want it? I will adjourn then. In the Business Advisory Committee, it was suggested that we must have discussion. I have agreed for discussion on price rise and you people don't want it. I am adjourning the House till 2 p.m." Several Congress members were seen holding up packets of milk, curd and buttermilk and shouting slogans such as "Scrap GST".

After the House resumed at 2 p.m., members trooped into the Well of the House. Deputy Chairman Harivansh cautioned Randeep Surjewala of the Congress against recording the proceedings on his mobile phone and not to post it on social media, and to delete the recording.

As the protests continued even after the Deputy Chairman had called MPs to speak on the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill, 2022, he adjourned the House after five minutes.

Lok Sabha proceedings

In the Lok Sabha, Speaker Om Birla told the protesting Opposition MPs that he would give them the opportunity to raise the issues during Zero Hour.

"This House is for discussions and not for shouting slogans. This kind of conduct is not appropriate for the decorum of the House and there is a process to be followed by the members,"the Lok Sabha Speaker said.

As the protests and sloganeering continued, the proceedings were first adjourned until 2 p.m. and then till 4 p.m., and finally for the day.

Before the start of the day's proceedings, Opposition members from both the Houses, including former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, staged a protest in front of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi.

Jairam Ramesh of the Congresssaid in a tweet: "This afternoon too Modi Sarkar refused an urgent debate on price rise and shocking increase in GST rates on essential food items. The Rajya Sabha got adjourned for the day. If only the PM shows some sensitivity to address people's issues in Parliament..."

Mr. Goyal, who is the Leader of House in the Rajya Sabha, told presspersons, "The Congress has a destructive attitude towards democracy. It was exposed from Jairam Ramesh's tweet that the Congress was successful in not allowing the House to function."

Counting of votes of Presidential poll today

New President to take oath on July 25

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India on Thursday will know who will succeed incumbent Ram Nath Kovind to become the country's 15th President, as counting of votes for the Presidential election begins at 11 a.m. at Parliament House here.

Yashwant Sinha and Droupadi Murmu

NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu and Yashwant Sinha of the Opposition are candidates, with votes clearly stacked in favour of Ms. Murmu, who, if elected, will be the first tribal woman to occupy the top constitutional post in the country.

Mr. Kovind's tenure is ending on July 24 and the new President will take oath on July 25.

Heavy security

With ballot boxes from all States having reached Parliament House, polling officials are ready for the counting in room number 63, the strongroom of Parliament where the boxes are guarded by round-the-clock security.

Rajya Sabha Secretary-General P.C. Mody, who is the Chief Returning Officer for the poll, will oversee the counting, the result of which is likely to be declared by the evening.

Polling for the Presidential election was held between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on July 18 at 31 locations including Parliament house and 30 centres within the Legislative Assemblies.

There were reports of cross-voting in favour of Ms. Murmu in a number of States.

There is no whip issued to members of a party in the Presidential poll.

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members, except nominated MPs, and all MLAs in the Legislative Assembly in all States act as electors in the Presidential election.

'Cruel to raise GST on essential items'

Congress puts out detailed rebuttal to Nirmala's tweets

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

It is cruel to raise the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on items of essential consumption when inflation is so high, the Congress said on Wednesday even as former party chief Rahul Gandhi asserted that the Prime Minister should withdraw it.

Responding to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's tweets in which she had claimed that the 5% tax [on pre-packaged goods] was levied after approval from all States, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh put out 10 tweets in a point-by-point rebuttal.

Alleging that the Narendra Modi government is penalising the aspiration and desire to buy more hygienically packed goods, Mr. Ramesh said "branded and labelled" were very different from "pre-packaged and labelled". The former refers only to products of big companies priced higher and bought by middle and upper-middle classes, while the latter affects small businesses whose products are bought by the lower middle class and the poor, he said.

"Above all is the timing. It is cruel to raise tax rates when CPI (consumer price index) inflation is over 7%, WPI (wholesale price index) inflation is over 15%, unemployment is high, the rupee is depreciating, the current account deficit is widening and inflation is expected to rise worldwide," Mr. Ramesh said adding, "Why should not the poorer consumers aspire to buy pre-packaged and labelled goods".

Virtual meet

In his rebuttal, he said that a West Bengal Minister, who attended the GST Council meeting, disclosed it was a virtual one and the State Finance Ministers did not consult each other.

The West Bengal Minister had also claimed that she and some others opposed the report of the Fitment Committee that recommended the GST increases, Mr. Ramesh added while pointing out that GST on crematoriums has been increased to 18%.

Mr. Gandhi, who had been calling GST 'Gabbar Singh Tax', on Wednesday described it as 'Grahasti Sarvnaash Tax' or a tax that will destroy common households.

Cong. to protest on Sonia's questioning

'The entire party across the country will demonstrate its collective solidarity'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Calling the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summons to Congress president Sonia Gandhi an example of "vendetta politics" of the Narendra Modi government, the Congress on Wednesday announced country-wide protests on Thursday when she is scheduled to appear before the agency.

Sonia Gandhi

Ms. Gandhi has been summoned in a money-laundering case related to *National Herald*-AGL case.

"Tomorrow as the political vendetta unleashed by the Modi-Shah duo against our top leadership continues, the entire Congress party across the country will demonstrate its collective solidarity with Smt. Sonia Gandhi in a most telling manner," party general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a tweet.

Planning strategy

On Wednesday evening, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, party general secretaries K.C. Venugopal, along with MPs, gathered at the residence of Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge to chalk out a strategy. Top leaders will converge for the protests at the All India Congress Committee headquarters and Mr. Gehlot will address the media at 10 a.m.

Mr. Kharge will convene a meeting of the leaders of other Opposition parties to coordinate floor strategy in Parliament. After attempting to march to the ED office, party MPs will meet at the Congress Parliamentary Party office before creating an uproar in Parliament.

The Delhi Police have put up barricades around the Congress office on Akbar Road and issued a traffic advisory.

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The details of mineral blocks and last date of submission of bid is as summarized below:-

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1	Ramgarh Block District Jaisalmer for limestone	Mining Lease	15.07.2022	01.08.2022 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	22.08.2022 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)
2	Dhulkhera-Jipiya Block n/v Dhulkhera-Jipiya Tehsil & District Bhilwara for iron ore	Composite License	15.07.2022	01.08.2022 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	22.08.2022 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)

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Cheetahs likely to arrive in Kuno before August 15

India and Namibia sign agreement; officials trying to complete the first transfer to the national park in Madhya Pradesh

SUHASINI HAIDAR
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NEW DELHI

India came one step closer to bringing back the world's fastest animal to the country with an agreement signed in Delhi on Wednesday between the Union government and the visiting Namibian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations, Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah.

The cheetah was declared extinct in the country in 1952, and the agreement, which has been negotiated for some years, will prepare the ground for the relocation of the first batch from southern Africa to the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, with officials trying to complete the transfer before August 15.

"The [agreement] seeks to promote conservation and restoration of cheetah in their former range from which the species went extinct," Environment and Forests Minister Bhupender Yadav said in a tweet after the signing ceremony for what he called an "historic" MoU (memorandum of understanding), which took place in the presence of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

New home: The agreement signed by India and Namibia on Wednesday will prepare the ground for the relocation of the first batch of cheetahs from southern Africa to Madhya Pradesh.

"Completing 75 glorious years of Independence with restoring the fastest terrestrial flagship species, the cheetah, in India, will rekindle the ecological dynamics of the landscape," he said.

The MoU focused on biodiversity conservation, and the sharing of expertise between the two countries, technological applications, collaborations on climate change, pollution and waste management, and the exchange of personnel for training and education in wildlife management. However, the government is yet to reveal whether it has already procured the cheetahs, how many will be transferred in the first trial, and when they are likely to be brought to India.

According to officials, plans for the cheetah translocations to Kuno are in compliance with the IUCN's guidelines, with particular focus on the forest site quality, prey density and the current carrying capacity for a large mammal like the cheetah. "While the current carrying capacity for the Kuno National Park is a maximum of 21 cheetahs, once restored, the larger landscape can hold about 36 cheetahs," said a note issued by the government on Wednesday, adding that the carrying capacity could be further enhanced by expanding the area to other parts of the Kuno wildlife division. Kuno had earlier been identified for the translocation of Gujarat's Gir lions, but the State government has refused to allow them to be transferred out, despite a Supreme Court order rejecting its pleas.

One-year trial

The cheetahs will arrive in India for a one-year trial. The project for the cheetah – the only wild cat to go extinct in Independent India – was put back on track in 2020 when the Supreme Court lifted a stay on the original proposal to introduce African cheetahs from Namibia into the Indian habitat on an experimental basis. In May 2012, the court had stalled the plan to initiate the foreign cheetahs into the Kuno sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh fearing they would come into conflict with the plan for bringing lions into the same sanctuary. The court had also expressed concern about whether the African cheetahs would find a favourable climate in the sanctuary.

The government said special programmes were being conducted to educate local villagers in Kuno including outreaches to "sarpanches [village head men], local leaders, teachers, social workers, religious figures and NGOs", with a local mascot named "Chintu Cheetah" to sensitise populations to the importance of the project and guidelines for the cheetah-human interface.

Senior citizens not to get back train fare discount

Railways cites loss due to low fares

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Wednesday said it was not "desirable" to restore concessions on railway tickets given to senior citizens and sportspersons as the cost "weighs heavily" on the Railways.

"Passenger fare in most of the classes is very low. Passenger segment over Indian Railways has suffered recurring loss due to low fare and concessions to different categories of passengers," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

The Minister reasoned that Indian Railways was already bearing more than 50% of the cost of travel on an average for all passengers, including senior citizens, on account of the lower fare structure for passenger services. Apart from this, due to COVID-19, passenger earnings for the past two years were less.

"These have long-term impact on the financial health of the Railways. Cost of granting concessions weighs heavily on the Railways, hence extending scope of concessions to all categories of passengers, including senior citizens, is not desirable," he said.

The Minister, however, added that in spite of these challenges, Indian Railways has continued concession in fare to four categories of persons with disabilities and 11 categories of patients and students.

Data shared by the Minister show revenue forgone in concessions in passenger fare to senior citizen passengers for both reserved and unreserved category stood at ₹1,491 crore in 2017-18, ₹1,638 crore in 2018-19 and ₹1,667 crore in 2019-20.

"...During 2019-20, 22.62 lakh senior citizen passengers opted to give up concession scheme in passenger fare and gave up concessions for the sustained development of Railways," the Minister added.

SC adjourns BCCI's plea on constitution

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana on Wednesday adjourned to Thursday a plea by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to amend its constitution to do away with the cooling-off period for its administrators.

The case is significant for the BCCI as the date of amendments may decide the tenures of its president, Sourav Ganguly, and secretary, Jay Shah.

The Board has urged the court to revise a rule in its new constitution which mandates that administrators have to go through a three-year "cooling-off period" after successive years in the BCCI or any State association.

Major recommendation

The "cooling-off period" was a major recommendation made by the Justice R.M. Lodha Committee to reform cricket administration in the country.

In its 2018 judgment, the court had seen eye-to-eye with Justice Lodha's conclusion that "the game will be better off without cricketing oligopolies". For this end, the court had supported the recommendation of the Justice Lodha panel that cricket administrators should undergo a "cooling-off period" before contesting elections to the BCCI or State associations.

Agniveers quota to apply horizontally

Upper age limit also to be relaxed, says Ministry of Home Affairs in Rajya Sabha

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) informed the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday that 10% reservation for recruits under the Agnipath scheme in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) or the paramilitary will apply horizontally.

The Ministry said that "relaxation in upper-age limit and exemption from the physical efficiency test will also be given" for the posts of constable and rifleman.

Responding to a question by member John Brittas, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in a written reply that "an in-principle approval has been given for reservation of 10% of vacancies for ex-Agniveers in the recruitment to the post of Constable (General Duty)/Rifleman in the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles".

Making the cut: A 10% reservation is likely to be given for ex-Agniveers in the CAPF and Assam Rifles.

It added that "10% horizontal reservation is decided to be given to Ex-Agniveers for the post of Constable (GD)/Rifleman when the first batch of Ex-Agniveers is available for recruitment after completing engagement period of four years in Defence Forces".

A senior government official said the maximum age requirement for a constable of general category in the CAPFs is 23.

"If a general category candidate has joined at the age of 21 or 22, then after completion of four years of service he or she will not be able to meet the maximum age criterion in CAPFs. The upper age limit will have to be relaxed for this purpose," the officer said.

In a bid to defuse the violent protest that emanated after the Agnipath scheme was announced in June, the MHA on June 18 announced that 10% of all vacancies in the CAPFs or the paramilitary will be reserved for the recruits under the scheme.

Chinese firm bags order for 39,000 train coach wheels

Earlier order was disrupted by the Russia-Ukraine war

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Railways has placed a purchase order for 39,000 wheels for its LHB coaches from Chinese manufacturer Taiyuan as supplies under ongoing contracts were affected by the war between Russia and Ukraine, the government said on Wednesday. The purchase of these wheels was earlier planned to be done from a Ukrainian firm at a price that was 1.68% less than that of the current order.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the purchase order for 39,000 wheels for LHB coaches had been placed by the Railways with Taiyuan, China against a global tender. "Due to the present war crisis between Russia and Ukraine, the supplies against the ongoing contracts on the firms from Russia and Ukraine were affected," the Minister said.

There is a shortage of wheels for the modern LHB coaches of the Railways.

He added that to tide over the crisis of wheels for LHB coaches, Indian Railways floated a tender for 39,000 wheels and placed an order on M/s TZ (Taizhong), Hong Kong with manufacturer M/s Taiyuan, China. "This firm is registered with Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade for wheels for LHB coaches as per Land Border policy of Government of India."

J&K students get to don the IAS hat for a day

Programme aims to motivate students from the worst militancy-hit Pulwama area

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Be a Deputy Commissioner for a day: this is how higher secondary level students were involved in administrative matters to motivate them to take up the civil services in south Kashmir's worst militancy-affected district of Pulwama on Tuesday.

Deputy Commissioner Baseer-ul-Haq Choudhary, an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, vacated his chair for an hour to allow several students to listen to the grievances of residents and think of possible solutions.

"It was unbelievable to don the role of a deputy commissioner. I acted as a DC for 10 minutes and heard public grievances," Riffat Sarwar, a Class 12 student of the Higher Secondary School, Karimabad, said.

Another Class 12 student, Khusboo Nabi, said she was moved to hear the tale of a poor father with unmarried daughters at home. "I heard him patiently and referred the case to the social welfare department with the hope that they will address it," she said. Several students said the initiative has motivated them to dream big.

Tryst with power: Students in Pulwama got to be the Deputy Commissioner for a day on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Around 40 students participated in the initiative and six were allowed to "function" as a DC.

The Pulwama administration has decided to include the suggestions of the students in the official records and implement them.

"The initiative is aimed at making these students aware and igniting in them the belief that they too could occupy the chair in the future," DC Haq said.

Railways suffers 259.44-cr. collateral damage this year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Railways has suffered a loss of about ₹259.44 crore in the current year so far, due to damage or destruction of railway assets, largely due to the protests against the Agnipath scheme, Parliament was informed on Wednesday.

"In the year 2022, Indian Railways suffered loss of ₹259.44 crores due to damage/destruction of railway assets. Separate data regarding amount of refund granted to passengers due to disruption of rail services due on account of public disorder consequent to agitation like those held after launching of Agneepath scheme is not maintained," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha. He, however, said from June 14 to June 30, a refund of approximately ₹102.96 crore was granted on account of cancellation of trains.

"No recoveries to compensate for the loss occurred to Railways have been made so far," he said.

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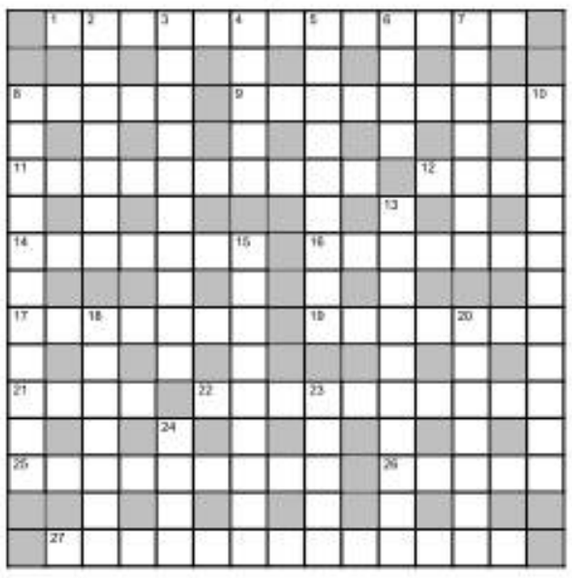

Across

1 Rebuke model, over-effusive after drinking beer in retreat (6-7)
8 Lightweight wood block brought back by associate (5)
9 Acknowledging warnings about consuming ecstasy (9)
11 Debauchee involved in corruption – it makes one see red? (5,5)
12 Play for money, holding spade ace (4)
14 Confine brat throwing out hot dog (7)
16 Couple chasing drunkard about stealing a snack (7)
17 Clip features fluid waste, one exuding in downhill movement of soil (7)
19 Award-winning bank makes a very large profit (7)
21 Stink from flipper repelled female (4)
22 One reviewing every tape to nab criminals essentially (7,3)
25 Gangster crushes resistance by coppers in Russian port (9)
26 Sacks containing long rods (5)
27 Shake hands with a lot of people, like a masseur might do? (5,3,5)

Down

2 It provides illumination in dissection of large lipoma (3,4)
3 Fielder saves run close to mid-off easily (10)
4 English short film about a Nobel prize-winning physicist (5)
5 Ornamental article in case, it's extraordinary (9)
6 Attend to hot woman wanting marijuana (4)
7 Most natural retreat having excellent views primarily (7)
8 Italian bimbo lacks time to develop love of books (11)
10 Suspicion about mostly nice reviews by top reporters in sensational rags (6,5)
13 Old man's bold protest in series of written documents (5,5)
15 Completely satisfy wife getting a little randy in darkness (9)
18 Vandal is feared criminal smuggling cocaine (7)
20 Son ignored uncalled-for taunts (7)
23 Device controlling flow in naval vessel (5)
24 Front of body covered by blue round spots (4)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Solution to puzzle 13613

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Workings of Karma

In the Devi Bhagavata Purana, the truths pertaining to the workings of 'karma phala' are explained in detail by Vasudeva to Devaki to make her understand that she has to give the newborn infant to Kamsa, pointed out Sri K. Srinivasan in a discourse. Whatever good and bad actions done in the past is preserved in the form of a seed and is inherent in the human soul.

Generally, Karma is grouped under three categories. The first is 'Sanchita', the entire past karma stored in each one's account. Therefore the collective effect of Karma done in previous births always exists in the jiva's body. But the fruits of Sanchita are not given according to the chronological order of the individual's good and bad deeds. From this stored karma, some get bunched together, with priority given to those that are most powerful. The next is 'Prarabdha,' that constitutes the effects of those acts that are ripened and ready to yield their fruits. An individual enters the world at every birth with this already drafted life plan and has to experience the effects. The happy or unhappy experiences cannot be averted. Vasudeva also explains that just as Karma controls the birth and human experiences of joy and sorrow, Kala, Time is equally powerful. The Lord describes Himself as Kala in the Bhagavad Gita. All beings are subject to Time or Kala and they also have to enjoy the merits and demerits of their past deeds. The third type is 'Agami or Vartamana' karma and refers to one's actions in the present birth. The jiva is given some space to understand that samsara, though fleeting, is also the only way for his salvation. With the knowledge of karma phala, he can try to control his acts and free himself from this cycle. So Vasudeva tells Devaki that the infant has to face its destiny.

'Russia's goals not limited to Donbas'

REUTERS
LONDON

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday that the geographical objectives of Moscow's "special military operation" in Ukraine are no longer limited to the eastern Donbas region but include a number of other territories, state news agency RIA Novosti reported.

Mr. Lavrov said Russia's objectives would expand still further if the West delivered long-range weapons to Kyiv, the agency said.

When Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, President Vladimir Putin denied any intention of occupying Ukrainian territories, saying his aim was to demilitarise and "denazify" the country – a statement dismissed by Kyiv and the West as a pretext for an imperial-style war of expansion.

After Putin's fresh warning, EU tells members to cut gas usage

Russia President says supplies via Nord Stream 1 pipeline could be reduced further

REUTERS
BRUSSELS/LONDON

The European Union told members states on Wednesday to cut gas usage by 15% until March as part of an emergency plan after President Vladimir Putin warned that Russian supplies sent via the biggest pipeline to Europe could be reduced further.

Deliveries via Nord Stream 1 pipeline, which accounts for more than a third of Russian gas exports to the EU, are due to resume on Thursday after a 10-day halt for annual maintenance.

But supplies via that route had been reduced even before the maintenance outage in dispute over sanctioned parts, and may now be cut further, while flows via other routes, such as Ukraine, have also fallen since Russia invaded its neighbour in February.

New target: The European Commission proposed a voluntary target for all EU states to cut gas use by 15%. • AFP

The disruptions have hampered Europe's efforts to refill gas stores before winter, raising the risk of rationing and another hit to fragile economic growth if Moscow further restricts flows in retaliation for Western sanctions over the war in Ukraine. The European Commission proposed a voluntary target for all EU states to cut gas use by 15% from August to March, compared with their average consumption in the same period in 2016-2021.

"Russia is blackmailing us. Russia is using energy as a weapon. And therefore, in any event, whether it's a partial, major cut-off of Russian gas or a total cut-off of Russian gas, Europe needs to be ready," EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

The proposal would enable Brussels to make the target mandatory in a supply emergency, if the EU declared a substantial risk of severe gas shortages.

The move, which needs the backing of EU states, will be discussed on Friday, so Ministers can approve it at an emergency meeting on July 26.

"We believe that a full disruption is likely and it is especially likely if we don't act and leave ourselves vulnerable to it," one EU official said. "If we wait, it will be more expensive and it will mean us dancing to Russia's tune."

Sunak, Truss in last round of Tory leadership race

The winner will be announced on Sept. 5 after party vote

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

Former British Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss will face each other in a contest to lead the U.K. as Prime Minister and the Conservative Party, after a fourth round of voting by Tory lawmakers, on Wednesday afternoon, eliminated the third remaining contender, Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt.

The two surviving candidates will campaign for the votes of party members through the remainder of the British summer, with the winner being announced on September 5 when the British Parliament returns from recess.

Mr. Sunak came in with 137 votes on Wednesday, a gain of 19 from Tuesday's voting round. The largest gains were made by Ms. Truss, who won 113 votes – a gain of 27, suggesting that a bulk of the 59 votes that went to the candidate eliminated on Tuesday, former Equalities Minister Kemi Badenoch, had been mopped up by Ms. Truss. Ms. Mordaunt got 105 votes, and was up 13 from Tuesday.

Road to Downing Street: Rishi Sunak won 137 votes while Liz Truss won 113 in the fourth round of voting. • AFP

Also on Wednesday, outgoing Prime Minister Boris Johnson fielded his last Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs), with the House of Commons going into recess on Thursday. He had words of advice for his successors.

"Stay close to the Americans," he said. He also asked them to "stick up" for the Ukrainians and democracy, and to "cut taxes and deregulate wherever you can".

Trump ex-aide Bannon acted as if 'above the law'

Arguments begin on contempt charges

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

Former Trump aide Steve Bannon believed he was "above the law" when he defied a subpoena to testify before lawmakers investigating the 2021 Capitol assault, a U.S. prosecutor said on Tuesday as arguments began in his federal trial for contempt of Congress.

Mr. Bannon, who led Donald Trump's successful 2016 presidential election campaign, was among dozens of people called by a House of Representatives committee to testify about the storming of Congress by Trump supporters on January 6, 2021. The 68-year-old did not appear on the summons date or provide requested documents related to the attack and events leading up to it, and was indicted on two charges of contempt.

"The defendant decided he was above the law," said prosecutor Amanda Vaughn in her opening statement at a courthouse in Washington.

"He ignored orders to comply, even after Congress had rejected his excuses not to, and he put aside multiple warnings that he could face criminal prosecution," she said.

Draghi's tenure in office grows precarious

Three coalition partners say they will boycott confidence vote on his Italian govt.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ROME

Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi's tenure in office grew decidedly more precarious on Wednesday after three coalition allies declared, one after the other, that they will boycott a confidence vote on his government, likely dooming prospects that his increasingly fractious government could stay afloat.

The unravelling of his "national unity coalition" has made the prospect of Italy holding an early election as soon as late September increasingly likely.

Tough spot: Italy's Prime Minister Mario Draghi, centre, with his Ministers at the Senate in Rome on Wednesday. • AFP

After hours of debate on his fate, Mr. Draghi asked the Senate to vote on Wednesday on a confidence measure calling him to keep on governing.

Last week Mr. Draghi had offered to step down after losing support from the populist 5-Star Movement, a partner in his 17-month-old coalition. But the President rejected his offer, asking him to go back to Parliament to seek support.

Appearing for a second time before Parliament's Upper House, Mr. Draghi cited an "unprecedented" outpouring of public pleas for him to continue governing amid soaring inflation, rising energy prices, the war in Ukraine and Italy's recovery from the pandemic.

Mr. Draghi told the Senators after hours of debate, including squabbles among members of coalition partners, that "at this point, I could declare my resignation and leave the hall". But because the "mobilisation that I have seen by citizens" and various associations is "without precedent", Mr. Draghi said he instead was submitting to a vote a pact that would reconfirm the loyalty of the coalition's parties.

UN slams killings, rights abuses under Taliban

Amnesty for former officials not upheld

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISLAMABAD

Hundreds of people have been killed in Afghanistan since the Taliban overran the country nearly a year ago, even though security on the whole has improved since then, the United Nations said in a report on Wednesday.

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan also highlighted the poor situation of women and girls since the Taliban takeover and how they have been stripped of many of their human rights under Afghanistan's current rulers.

"It is beyond time for all Afghans to be able to live in peace and rebuild their lives after 20 years of armed conflict. Our monitoring reveals that despite the improved security situation since 15 August, the people of Afghanistan, in particular women and girls, are deprived of the full enjoyment of their human rights," said Markus Potzel, deputy special representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan.

The UN also said an amnesty for former government officials the Taliban announced last year has not been consistently upheld.

What does Putin want from Iran?

In Tehran, the Russian President, seeking stronger ties, finds a receptive audience

STANLY JOHNY

In his first trip outside the former Soviet sphere since the Ukraine war began, Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Tehran on Tuesday where he held talks with both Iranian and Turkish leaders.

A host of issues, from the Syrian civil war to a UN-sponsored proposal to resume grain exports via the Russia-blockaded Black Sea, were discussed in the meetings, but the main focus of the visit was on further deepening the partnership between Iran and Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, centre, and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi. • AP

Russia's invasion of Ukraine may have isolated Moscow in the West. But the crisis seems to have opened new avenues of cooperation between Iran and Russia. After the invasion, Russia came under heavy Western sanctions, which forced President Putin to look east. Iran, which has been living under U.S. sanctions for decades, has taken a line that's closest to Russia's own position about the Ukraine conflict.

In late February, a few days after the Ukraine war began, a senior Iranian Foreign Ministry official told *The Hindu* in Tehran that "Iran is opposed to any form of conflicts, but in the case of Ukraine, Russia has genuine security concerns". The West, said the official who requested not to be named, "was pushing Ukraine towards a conflict which forced Russia to take this action".

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei endorsed this view in his meeting with President Putin on Tuesday. "War is a violent and difficult endeavour, and the Islamic Republic is not at all happy that people are caught up in war," Mr. Khamenei told Mr. Putin, according to his office. "But in the case of Ukraine, if you had not taken the helm, the other side would have done so and initiated a war." For Russia, which has claimed that it began the "special military operation" to prevent Ukraine intensifying the conflict in the Donbas, this is an endorsement of its position by a foreign leader .

Strategic partnership

Iran and Russia already have a strategic partnership in place. In Syria, Tehran and Moscow helped President Bashar al-Assad turn around the civil war to his favour. In

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recent years, especially after the U.S. unilaterally pulled itself out of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, Tehran sought to accelerate its cooperation with both Russia and China, in what German-Iranian political scientist Ali Fathollah-Nejad called a "look-to-the-East geopolitical orientation".

In March 2021, Iran signed a 25-year "comprehensive strategic partnership agreement" with China. In 2001, Russia and Iran had signed a 10-year cooperation treaty, and last year, Iran had said it was in an advanced stage of discussions to clinch a 20-year strategic partnership agreement with Russia. These agreements lack transparency but show Iran's desire to have stronger ties with its Eurasian partners, in sharp contrast with the earlier bid to bet on the nuclear deal and removal of the sanctions.

"Mr. Putin is leading a country that's been severely sanctioned. So is Iran. So when there's a common enemy or a common problem, countries tend to help each other. That's what Iran and Russia are doing now," Foad Izadi, Associate Professor, Faculty of World Studies, University of Tehran, told *The Hindu*.

The Iran-Russia ties, despite their common interests and common foes, have also remained a complex affair. The partnership has been characterised by both cooperation and competition (especially in the field of oil exports). But now, a new dimension is added, said Mr. Fathollah-Nejad, who is also a fellow at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy, American University of Beirut.

"As to Iran and Russia, bilateral relations have long been characterised by an asymmetry of power between the two as well as Moscow's use and abuse of the raging Iran-West conflict. Now, with Russia being subjected to a similar set of severe international sanctions led by the U.S., a new constellation in the bilateral framework was born," he said.

Energy deal

Both sides are now moving fast to mobilise the fresh momentum in their relationship. Hours before Mr. Putin landed in Tehran, Russia's Gazprom and the National Iranian Oil Company signed a memorandum of understanding worth $40 billion. The deal involves joint offshore gas projects, gas and oil products swap, completion of LNG projects and building gas pipelines.

Earlier, the Russia and China-backed Shanghai Cooperation Organisation had announced that Iran would be given full membership soon. There's also growing synergy in the way both countries look at the world, according to Prof. Izadi. "If you look at the text of the exchange between Iran's leader Khamenei and the Russian President, you see a lot of similarities in terms of what needs to be done in bilateral ties. There are also similar views on what's going on in the world, and in their opposition to western hegemony."

So what does Mr. Putin, who visited Iran just days after U.S. President Joe Biden concluded his West Asia trip, want in Iran? "He wants to improve ties as a way of going around the difficulties his country is facing and he has found a receptive audience in Tehran," Prof. Izadi said.

In the views of Mr. Fathollah-Nejad, the visit is about both economic and security cooperation. "In particular, Moscow is willing to learn from Tehran's decades-long experience on how to circumvent Western sanctions and potentially seek the procurement of Iranian drones, which Tehran and its proxies have used time and again – with surprising success – against the hydrocarbon infrastructure of Iran's southern Gulf neighbours."

MARKET WATCH

	20-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,398	1.15
US Dollar	80.05	-0.16
Gold	50,202	-0.17
Brent oil	106.72	0.62

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	743.55	-5.45
Apollo Hosp.	4110.25	90.05
Asian Paints	3006.45	-12.65
Axis Bank	705.70	5.10
Bajaj Auto	4002.05	0.05
Bajaj Finserv	12420.75	-24.05
Bajaj Finance	6074.40	8.45
Bharti Airtel	670.65	-2.25
BPCL	317.10	0.55
Britannia Ind	3828.30	40.85
Cipla	981.50	20.85
Coal India	197.85	-0.40
Divis Lab	3741.65	-11.60
Dr Reddys Lab	4458.75	10.85
Eicher Motors	3045.00	-32.70
Grasim Ind	1441.65	-0.55
HCL Tech	917.40	27.70
HDFC	2231.40	13.70
HDFC Bank	1365.05	17.00
HDFC Life	525.20	-10.70
Hero MotoCorp	2826.75	25.55
Hindalco	369.35	1.40
Hind Unilever	2604.50	36.55
ICICI Bank	783.10	2.45
IndusInd Bank	879.30	11.20
Infosys	1515.30	31.15
ITC	298.20	3.60
JSW Steel	590.35	5.50
Kotak Bank	1827.75	-7.20
L&T	1739.95	10.15
M&M	1165.65	-20.60
Maruti Suzuki	8749.05	33.20
Nestle India Ltd.	18617.10	239.40
NTPC	150.55	-0.20
ONGC	132.55	4.65
PowerGrid Corp	209.25	-0.75
Reliance Ind	2503.00	65.90
SBI Life	1186.05	16.10
State Bank	508.60	10.65
Shree Cement	20208.20	140.00
Sun Pharma	867.50	-7.80
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	795.00	7.75
Tata Motors	453.45	4.40
Tata Steel	928.45	9.00
TCS	3164.80	90.55
Tech Mahindra	1045.50	37.80
Titan	2271.20	30.00
UltraTech Cement	6089.00	3.15
UPL	686.25	1.90
Wipro	412.10	6.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 20

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.79	80.11
Euro	81.61	81.94
British Pound	95.77	96.15
Japanese Yen (100)	57.74	57.97
Chinese Yuan	11.82	11.87
Swiss Franc	82.33	82.66
Singapore Dollar	57.33	57.57
Canadian Dollar	62.03	62.28
Malaysian Ringitt	17.92	18.00
Australian Dollar	55.22	55.44

Source:Indian Bank

Centre pares windfall tax on crude, junks petrol export levy

Decision comes amid a decline in global oil prices; move to trim fiscal gains

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

With global oil prices easing, the Centre on Wednesday slashed the windfall tax levied on crude oil producers, reduced the export tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) and diesel and scrapped the duty on petrol exports.

On July 1, the government had levied fresh taxes on the export of petrol, fuel and ATF as well as the domestic sale of crude oil in view of runaway global prices, with a plan for a fortnightly review.

In the first such review, the cess of ₹23,250 per tonne on crude has been lowered to ₹17,000 per tonne. This cess was aimed at reining in windfall profits for local oil producers who sell output at international parity prices even to domestic refineries.

Headwinds ease: The reduction of export tax on ATF will help overseas buyers of jet fuel. • P.V. SIVAKUMAR

Similarly, the levies on export of ATF and diesel were both cut by ₹2 per litre, to ₹4 per litre and ₹13 per litre, respectively, while the levy of ₹6 per litre on the export of petrol was rescinded.

Also, exports of these fuels from units located in SEZs have now been exempted from duties, undoing the July 1 decision.

Fiscal impact

The duty tweaks, including the 27% cut in cess on domestic crude, would lead to a reduction in the fiscal windfall from these taxes, from about 0.37% of GDP, to about 0.2% of GDP this year, Nomura economists Sonal Varma and Aurodeep Nandi wrote in a note, adding that fiscal risks remained elevated.

"At the margin, the reduction in export duties on fuel should be positive for export growth," they wrote, adding that concerns about a widening of the current account deficit (CAD) persisted.

'RBI ready to wage $100-bn rupee defence'

REUTERS
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

The RBI is prepared to sell a sixth of its foreign exchange reserves to defend the rupee against a rapid depreciation after it plumbed record lows in recent weeks, a senior source aware of the central bank's thinking told Reuters.

The rupee has lost more than 7% of its value in 2022 and weakened past 80 per U.S. dollar on Tuesday, but the source said the fall would have been far bigger if the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had not stepped in to stem the decline. The RBI's currency reserves have slid more than $60 billion from its peak of $642.45 billion in early September, largely on the back of dollar selling intervention.

'Don't apply ESG blindly on developing countries'

Even Europe needs coal power: CEA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

V. Anantha Nageswaran

Global investors must not apply standards related to sustainability and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) norms indiscriminately for developing countries, Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran said on Wednesday.

Dismissing concerns about India's continued reliance on coal-fired power, he pointed out that this was not out of sync with the developed world, as even European countries were reconsidering their stance against non-renewable energy sources like coal and had revived interest in nuclear power that India was very actively pursuing.

"Many countries still rely on coal, including developed nations," the CEA said in a discussion at the Fin-Tech Festival India. "We should not just look at the proportion of coal-fired power plants, but also the trend... the share of power generated by non-fossil fuel-based power plants is increasing," he added.

'Energy security'

"Austria, Denmark and Germany have either restarted their coal-fired power plants or delayed their shutting down. They have said they will cut down reliance on Russian oil and gas from the end of this year and phase it out over the next few years... So when push comes to shove, energy security becomes more important for every nation rather than the so-called green transition. That cannot be different for developing countries," Mr. Nageswaran asserted.

The transition towards completely green energy sources needs to involve different sources of energy, Mr. Nageswaran said, including nuclear power and natural gas. "In Europe, after Germany swore off nuclear power plants, they are also now re-examining it. The U.K. is very interested too," he pointed out.

'Need time'

Many of the standards that satisfy investors, such as sustainability and ESG norms, cannot be applied indiscriminately in developing countries that need more time and distinct pathways compared with the developed world, he said.

"In the process of ensuring that only genuine green projects are funded, the risk is that we exclude a lot of countries from receiving the kind of investment they need, which will further compound the problem. As of many things in life, the road to hell is paved with good intentions and there is always scope for unintended consequences playing out," he cautioned.

"We always have to keep one eye on our development priorities as well as preparing for the long-term climate change mitigation efforts. This is a balancing act and there is no ready template to manage this. We have to improvise as we go along, by keeping the goals in mind," he said.

Maruti eyeing leadership slot in SUVs, says MD

Firm unveils Grand Vitara, vows more

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki on Wednesday unveiled its first model in the mid-size SUV segment – the Grand Vitara – and plans to bring in more products in the SUV segment, as it eyes the leadership position in the fastest-growing and highly competitive vehicle segment.

"In the last few years, we have seen a growing preference for SUVs," said MD and CEO Hishashi Takeuchi. "The segment contributes to almost 40% of total industry sales. Within this, the mid-size SUV segment contributes around 50%. This... is estimated to double in the next 3 to 4 years," he added.

The Grand Vitara will compete with the likes of Hyundai Creta, Kia Seltos and Tata Harrier, in the segment where Maruti till now has not been present. "We are the market leader in all segments by far except SUVs... so we have to catch up... We need to be number one in SUVs also as quickly as possible," said Mr. Takeuchi.

'Follow U.S. Fed to save local currency'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Veteran banker Uday Kotak has said central bankers who do not follow the 'ring master U.S. Fed' run the risk of getting their currencies crushed as has happened in the case of yen.

Mr. Kotak said globally central banks take a cue from the U.S. Fed and decide their monetary policy.

"Central bankers globally move in a herd led by ringmaster the US Fed. Whether easy or tight money. Go out of line your currency is crushed. Look at Japan, a 30-plus percent depreciation. That's the power of the US $ the most sought after asset in the world today. How long?," he had tweeted.

Wipro Q1 net dips 21% on rising expenses

Don't see spending slowdown: CEO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

IT services and digital transformation provider Wipro reported a 20.9% year-on-year drop in first-quarter net profit to ₹2,563 crore.

The firm said a rise in expenses, including increasing wages linked to quarterly promotions, and a large dividend payout in March were among the key reasons for the decline in net profit.

Gross revenue for the first quarter grew 17.9% to ₹21,528.6 crore. Revenue from IT services, which accounts for some 95% of total revenue, stood at $2.73 billion, an increase of 2.1% over the preceding quarter.

"We don't see a slow down in spending," said CEO and MD Thierry Delaporte. "In fact, we have good visibility for the next quarter," he added.

Thierry Delaporte

Wipro closed 18 large deals resulting in a total contract value of $1.1 billion in the first quarter.

The firm reported trailing 12 months attrition of 23.3% in Q1, against 23.8% in the preceding quarter.

IN BRIEF

Citroen rolls out new C3 hatchback at ₹5.7 lakh

CHENNAI

Citroen India on Wednesday entered the B-segment with the roll-out of the new C3 hatchback at a special introductory price of ₹5,70,500 (ex-showroom Delhi). The C3 comes with two engine options - 1.2L puretech 110 and 1.2L puretech 82 - with 10 exterior colour combinations.

Manali Petro partners U.K. firm to make polyols

CHENNAI

Manali Petrochemicals Ltd. (MPL) has signed a long-form agreement with U.K.-based based Econic Technologies to manufacture eco-friendly polyols. The pact comprises a two-year demo scale-up at MPL plant 1, followed by industrial scale-up of the technology and commercialisation of CO2-containing polyols for the next 3 years, MPL said. Polyols are used to produce adhesives and sealants.

Federal Bank ties up with CBDT for tax remittances

CHENNAI

Federal Bank has partnered with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to assist taxpayers in making payments via the income tax e-filing portal. "Anyone can now pay their taxes instantly via any of their payment modes such as debit/credit card, UPI, net banking, cash, NEFT/RTGS," the bank said. With this partnership, Federal Bank has become a pioneer to be registered under Tin 2.0 of the Income Tax Department.

Duty increase on gold to hit demand, says Crisil

MUMBAI

The Centre's decision to increase import duty on gold by 5% to 12.5% last month would result in flat revenue growth for gold jewellery retailers this fiscal, Crisil said in a report. "Retailers will have to pass on the hike to customers, which will curtail demand and wean away discretionary buyers," the rating agency said. However, their credit profiles are expected to remain stable, Crisil added.

SBI gets board nod to raise up to ₹11,000 cr.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Public sector lender State Bank of India (SBI) on Wednesday received the board's approval to raise up to ₹11,000 crore through issuance of bonds.

The bank's central board, at its meeting held on Wednesday, approved raising capital by way of issuance of Basel III compliant debt instrument in USD/INR and/or any other convertible currency, in FY23, according to a regulatory filing.

The country's largest lender in terms of asset size and customer base plans to raise fresh Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital up to ₹7,000 crore, subject to the government's concurrence.

Also, SBI plans to raise fresh Tier 2 capital of up to ₹4,000 crore.

'RBI to initiate CBDC in wholesale, retail sectors'

Implementation in phases, says ED

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NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is in the process of implementing the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in a phased manner for wholesale and retail segments, an official said.

The introduction of CBDC was announced in the Union Budget 2022-23, by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and necessary amendments to the relevant section of the RBI Act, 1934 have been made with the passage of the Finance Bill 2022, Ajay Kumar Choudhary, Executive Director (Fintech), RBI, said.

The passage of the bill has enabled the RBI to conduct a pilot and subsequent issuance of CBDC, he said.

"The RBI is also working on phased implementation of a central bank digital currency (CBDC) in both wholesale and retail segment," Mr. Choudhary said while delivering a keynote address at the 'PICUP Fintech Conference & Awards' by FICCI.

CBDC is a digital or virtual currency but it is not comparable with private virtual currencies or cryptocurrency that have mushroomed over the last decade. Private virtual currencies do not represent any person's debt or liabilities as there is no issuer.

Hatsun Agro Q1 net profit slides as input costs rise

Firm declares interim dividend of ₹6

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Dairy products maker Hatsun Agro Product Ltd. (HAP) reported a 11% decline in standalone net profit (continuing and discontinued operations) for the first quarter ended June to ₹52 crore, on account of rising input, packaging material and logistics costs.

Revenue from operations rose 31% to ₹2,015 crore. Strong sales recovery in the domestic market post COVID-19 pandemic with good summer sales led to the highest-ever quarterly sales volume, said Chairman R.G. Chandramogan.

HAP crossed the ₹2,000-crore mark in a quarter for the first time in Q1 of FY23 thus becoming the first private sector dairy company to do so in a quarter, the company said in a statement.

R. G. Chandramogan

Last fiscal, HAP invested about ₹450 crore across new manufacturing facilities for capacity expansion in ice cream, milk, curd, milk products and cattle feed. Last quarter, it started exporting Arun ice creams to Singapore and Maldives.

HAP declared an interim dividend of ₹6 per share.

Rane Engine Q1 loss narrows to ₹3.1 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Rane Engine Valve Ltd. (REVL) standalone net loss for the first quarter ended June, has narrowed to ₹3.1 crore from ₹5.8 crore.

Total revenue grew by 51% to ₹115 crore, the company said in a filing.

"Demand environment remained favourable in Q1," said L. Ganesh, chairman, Rane Group. "REVL capitalised on the demand and ramped up the output across plants," he added.

Stating that Rane continued to experience commodity price rise during the quarter, he said: "Demand environment in India looks encouraging for the upcoming quarter. We remain cautiously optimistic given the evolving economic situation globally."

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Tender Notification (Through e-procurement Only)

(1) City Municipal Council Robertsonpet KGF, invites Tenders from the eligible tenders, for the construction and Supply of Goods and Service works detailed in the table below. Two cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed. **(2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (3)** Tenders must be accompanied with earnest money deposit which will be paid online only through e-procurement website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (4)** Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. **(5)** Further information if required can be obtained from the office of the City Municipal Council, Robersonpet, KGF during working hours. (6) Head of account: Municipal Fund 2022-23 Grant. **(1)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **05.08.2022, Time: 5.30 PM (2)** Date & time for opening of technical bid: **06.08.2022, Time: 5.31 PM (3)** Date & Time for opening of financial bid: **08.08.2022, Time: 12.00 PM**

SL. No	Name of Work	Est cost (Rs. In Lakhs)	Earnest money Deposit in Rs.	Applicable Tender Document	Class of Contractor/ Category
1	DMA/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT134263	30.00	60,000	KW2	Class III and above
2	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134268	5.00	7,500	KW1	Class IV and above (ST)
3	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134271	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
4	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134272	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
5	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134273	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
6	DMA/2022-23/WT/WORK_INDENT134274	52.00	1,04,000	KW2	Class III and above
7	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134275	10.00	12,500	KW1	Class IV and above (ST)
8	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134276	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
9	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134277	10.00	25000	KW1	Class IV and above
10	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134278	20.00	50,000	KW2	Class IV and above
11	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134279	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
12	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134280	10.00	12,500	KW1	Class IV and above (SC)
13	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134281	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
14	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134282	5.99	14,975	KW1	Class IV and above
15	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134283	20.00	50,000	KW2	Class IV and above
16	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134284	10.00	12,500	KW1	Class IV and above (SC)
17	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134285	10.00	25,000	KW2	Class IV and above
18	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134286	20.00	50,000	KW2	Class IV and above
19	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134287	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
20	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134289	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
21	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134290	30.00	60,000	KW2	Class III and above
22	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134291	20.00	50,000	KW2	Class IV and above
23	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134292	27.00	27,000	KW2	Class IV and above (SC)
24	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134293	8.00	20,000	KW1	Class IV and above
25	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134294	7.00	17,500	KW1	Class IV and above
26	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134295	11.75	14,700	KW1	Class IV and above (SC)
27	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134296	10.65	26,625	KW1	Class IV and above
28	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134297	10.00	25,000	KW1	Class IV and above
29	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134298	16.99	42,475	KW1	Class IV and above

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Dos Santos, Wightman grab the limelight with superb displays

Former ends Warholm's reign in the 400m hurdles, while the latter upstages Ingebrigtsen for 1500m title; Ceh and Patterson also taste success

WORLD C'SHIPS

AGNENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
EUGENE

Alison Dos Santos ended Karsten Warholm's reign as hurdles king at the World championships on Tuesday while Britain's Jake Wightman won his country's first 1500m gold in 39 years on a day of upsets.

Warholm may have been behind one of the most iconic moments in Olympic history when he smashed the 29-year-old World record to win the 400m hurdles at the Tokyo Games in a time of 45.94sec.

But the 26-year-old came to Eugene on the back of a hamstring injury which ultimately put paid to his medal attempt here.

Third fastest time

Instead, Dos Santos ran the third fastest time of all time and a championship record of 46.29sec to win gold ahead of Americans Rai Benjamin and Trevor Bassitt.

Warholm led coming into the home straight but seized up badly and eventually came in seventh (48.42), breaking a winning streak of 22 races, including 18 finals, dating back to September 2018.

Whilst everyone knew Warholm was coming back from injury, serious hopes were pinned on Olympic champion Jakob Ingebrigtsen in the men's 1500m.

But Wightman had not read the script, playing the Norwegian at his own game by kicking with 200 metres to run and holding his form through to the line.

Wightman sealed victory in 3min 29.23sec, Ingebrigtsen taking silver in 3:29.47, with Spaniard Mohamed Katir claiming bronze (3:29.90).

Slovenia's Kristjan Ceh took discus gold with a throw of 71.13m, ahead of the Lithuanians Mykolas Alekna and Andrius Gudzius.

Australian Eleanor Patterson won high jump gold in the fourth final of the night with 2.02m on countback from Ukraine's Yaroslava Mahuchikh, Italian Elena Vallortigara taking bronze.

Day five of action also saw newly-crowned men's 100m champion Fred Kerley failing to advance from the semifinals of the 200m.

Kerley misses out

Kerley set off smoothly from the blocks but was left grimacing as he hit the home straight, eventually finishing sixth. Kerley later said he had cramped up in the later stages of the race, but insisted he would be fit to race in the relays.

There were no such worries for the defending champion Noah Lyles, who romped home in his semifinal with a blistering 19.62sec.

In the women's race, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce kept her bid for a sprint double on track as she sailed into the final.

The results:

Men: Discus: 1. Kristjan Ceh (Slo) 71.13m, 2. Mykolas Alekna (Ltu) 69.27, 3. Andrius Gudzius (Ltu) 67.55.

1500m: 1. Jake Wightman (GBr) 3:29.23s, 2. Jakob Ingebrigtsen (Nor) 3:29.47, 3. Mohamed Katir (Esp) 3:29.90.

400m hurdles: Alison Dos Santos (Bra) 46.29s, 2. Rai Benjamin (USA) 46.89s, 3. Trevor Bassitt (USA) 47.39.

Women: High jump: 1. Eleanor Patterson (Aus) 2.02m, 2. Yaroslava Mahuchikh (Ukr) 2.02, 3. Elena Vallortigara (Ita) 2.00.

Stunning wins: Dos Santos came up with a fantastic effort to triumph in a record time and Wightman held his own to give Great Britain its first gold in the event in 39 years • AFP & AP

Chess Olympiad stamp released

Very special and prestigious, says TN Sports Minister Siva Meyyanathan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A commemorative stamp to mark the 44th Chess Olympiad to be staged in Mamallapuram, Chennai, from July 28 to August 10, featuring 187 countries, was released here on Wednesday.

Absolute honour

"It is an absolute honour that we are organising this event in India. Chess is our very own sport", said the Union Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan, the chief guest at the function.

"The Chess Olympiad stamp release is very special and prestigious", said the Tamil Nadu Sports Minister, Siva V. Meyyanathan.

"This is an historic occasion as the Department of Posts has issued a commemorative postage stamp on 44th Chess Olympiad, just days before the commencement", said the president of the All India Chess Federation (AICF), Sanjay Kapoor.

Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta, who was part of the stamp release function, said that the popularity of the game would grow in the country with the hosting of the Olympiad.

"Truly a proud moment as an Indian citizen and a chess player. This is a motivational booster for us to give our best for the country and win a medal", said Abhijeet Gupta.

India will field three teams in the open section, and two in the women's section, for a total of 25 players representing the country.

Special occasion: Chess Olympiad stamp was released by chief guest Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan, Union Communication Minister of State, fourth left, and Siva V. Meyyanathan, Tamil Nadu Sports Minister, fifth left, in Delhi on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Carlsen not to defend his World title

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Magnus Carlsen has kept his word. He will not defend his World title next year. The confirmation came from Carlsen during a podcast on Wednesday. The World No. 1 had said last year that he would be defending his crown only if the prodigious Alireza Firouzja qualified as his challenger.

The Norwegian felt there was no motivation for him to play another match for the World championship otherwise.

But Alireza had a poor Candidates tournament at Madrid, where he finished sixth. It was won, for the second time in a row, by Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi.

Now the match could be played between Nepomniachtchi and China's Ding Liren, who had finished second in the Candidates tournament. Carlsen had scored a crushing victory against Nepomniachtchi in the World championship match at Dubai last year.

He had won his first World title beating Viswanathan Anand at Chennai in 2013 and then defended it against the Indian in 2014. He retained the crown after defeating Sergey Karjakin of Russia in 2016 and then Fabiano Caruana of the United States in 2018.

Magnus Carlsen. • REUTERS

Grandmaster R.B. Ramesh said Carlsen's decision wasn't totally unexpected. "But I thought he could have waited for some more time," he told *The Hindu*.

"There is a possibility of Anand becoming part of the administration at FIDE and some new ideas would have emerged about the conduct of the World championship. I hope Carlsen will come back to the World championship cycle in the future; he is the game's biggest draw."

Team India arrives in WI

ANI
PORT OF SPAIN

Team India arrived in Trinidad on Wednesday ahead of their white-ball series against West Indies, which is scheduled to start from Friday.

Shikhar Dhawan, Yuzvendra Chahal, Shreyas Iyer, Avesh Khan, Ishan Kishan and Mohammed Siraj were some of the players seen at the airport along with the rest of the squad.

India and West Indies will square off in three ODIs (July 22, 24 & 27). And the five-match T20I series will start on July 29 and conclude on August 7.

India has announced its squad for both ODI and T20I series. Senior players like Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah are missing from both squads.

IPL owners foray into South Africa league

MI, CSK keen to explore opportunities

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

All the six franchisees in the soon-to-be-launched T20 league in South Africa have been acquired by owners or co-owners of the Indian Premier League. The development may lead to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) soon agreeing for limited participation of Indian cricketers in overseas franchise-based leagues.

Nita Ambani • FILE PHOTO

Reliance Industries Ltd., owners of Mumbai Indians, has been awarded the Cape Town franchise while Chennai Super Kings Cricket Ltd., Chennai Super Kings' parent company, has acquired the Johannesburg franchise. The other owners are Lucknow Super Giants' RPSG Sports PVt. Ltd. (Durban), Sunrisers Hyderabad's Sun TV Network (Gqeberha, formerly Port Elizabeth) Rajasthan Royals' Royals Sports Group (Paarl) and Delhi Capitals' co-owners JSW Sports (Pretoria).

Delighted

Nita Ambani, RIL director, was delighted with the new acquisition. "We are excited to take the Mumbai Indians' brand of fearless and entertaining cricket to South Africa, a nation that loves cricket as much as we do in India! South Africa has a strong sporting ecosystem, and we look forward to exploring the power and potential of this collaboration," Nita Ambani said in a statement. "As we grow MI's global cricketing footprint, we remain committed to spreading joy and cheer through sport!"

Chennai Super Kings CEO K.S. Viswanathan termed it a great opportunity for spotting talent. "We have been evaluating new opportunities across the globe over the past few years. We felt this T20 league in South Africa will be highly competitive and it is a great opportunity for us to give back to the sport. It would also help us to spot new talent," he said.

Interestingly, the move may be pivotal in the BCCI allowing Indian cricketers' participation in overseas league. So far, with an eye on maintaining IPL's quality and commercial appeal, the BCCI doesn't allow any active cricketer to play in a league similar to IPL.

The Hindu understands that the BCCI hierarchy has been contemplating to allow Indian cricketers who are either past their prime or not selected by their domestic teams to play one or two overseas leagues every season. The details are likely to be worked out in the next couple of months.

Besides the pressure created by the franchises, the BCCI officials have been understood to have acceded to a similar request by majority of other cricket-playing boards during the process to finalise the international calendar from 2023 to 2027.

It is understood that in return for getting an extended window of two and half months every year, the BCCI will let select players compete overseas.

Van der Dussen, Nortje give South Africa 1-0 lead

I just feel like there is too much cricket rammed in for people to play all three formats: Stokes

SA IN ENGLAND

ASSOCIATED PRESS
CHESTER-LE-STREET

Rassie van der Dussen's career-best 134 and Anrich Nortje's four wickets led South Africa to a 62-run victory over England in staggering heat to spoil Ben Stokes' final One-Day International.

The Proteas recorded 333 for five as van der Dussen, who hit his third ODI century, shared century stands with Janneman Malan (57) and Aiden Markram (77). England was all out for 271 in response.

England openers Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow shared a 102-run partnership before Roy (43) holed out off captain Keshav Maharaj in the 19th over. Markram then had Bairstow (63) lbw to leave the hosts at 125 for two. Stokes made just five from 11 balls and was lbw to Markram.

Joe Root kept things interesting with 86 off 77 balls, before Anrich Nortje enticed him to deflect it into his stumps as England slumped to 252 for 7. That was after Buttler and Moeen Ali were undone by the spin of Tabraiz Shamsi and after Livingstone dragged Lungi Ngidi into his stumps. Nortje then took the remaining three wickets.

Stokes slams schedule

Authorities should stop treating players like "cars" and fix cricket's "jam-packed" schedule to retain multi-format players, England's Ben Stokes said. Stokes announced his shock retirement from One-Day Internationals on Monday saying playing all three formats of the game had become "unsustainable" for him.

He elaborated further on his decision ahead.

"We are not cars," the 31-year-old told *BBC Test Match Special*. "You can't just fill us up and we'll go out there and be ready to be fuelled up again.

"I just feel like there is too much cricket rammed in for people to play all three formats now. It is a lot harder than it used to be," said the England talisman.

"I look back to when I used to do all three and it didn't feel like it was as jam-packed and all that."

End of an innings: Stokes shakes hands with Markram after his final ODI. • REUTERS

SCOREBOARD

South Africa: 333 for five in 50 overs.

England: Jason Roy c Miller b Maharaj 43, Jonny Bairstow lbw b Markram 63, Joe Root b Nortje 86, Ben Stokes lbw b Markram 5, Jos Buttler c&b Shamsi 12, Liam Livingstone b Ngidi 10, Moeen Ali c Pretorius b Shamsi 3, Sam Curran lbw b Nortje 18, Brydon Carse c Pretorius b Nortje 14, Adil Rashid c de Kock b Nortje 0, Matthew Potts (not out) 3; Extras (b-2, lb-4, nb-1, w-7): 14; Total (in 46.5 overs): 271.

Fall of wickets: 1-102, 2-125, 3-142, 4-164, 5-194, 6-199, 7-252, 8-253, 9-254.

South Africa bowling: Maharaj 10-1-42-1, Ngidi 9-0-49-1, Nortje 8.5-0-53-4, Shamsi 9-0-53-2, Phehlukwayo 3-0-17-0, Markram 4-0-25-2, Pretorius 3-0-26-0. **MoM:** van der Dussen.

South Africa won by 62 runs, leads three-match series 1-0.

India to tour Zimbabwe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Indian cricket team will travel to Zimbabwe for the first time in six years for a three-match ODI series, next month.

The three ODIs will be played on August 18, 20 and 22 in Harare, the Zimbabwe Cricket announced. K.L. Rahul is expected to lead the Indian side.

The series is part of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League, a 13-team competition serving as the main route for direct qualification for the 50-over World Cup to be staged in India next year. Zimbabwe is currently placed 12th in the 13-team pool

The last time the 'Men in Blue' were in Zimbabwe was when a M.S. Dhoni-led side played three ODIs and as many T20Is in June-July 2016.

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Shafique helps Pakistan script a record chase

The batter's splendid, unbeaten 160 enables the visitors achieve a tricky target

PAKISTAN IN SL

ASSOCIATED PRESS
GALLE

Abdullah Shafique scored an unbeaten 160 to lead Pakistan to a record run chase and a four-wicket victory on Wednesday in the series-opener.

His 408-ball innings contained six boundaries and a six in an innings, although he did get some reprieves.

Lucky

Shafique was lucky to survive an lbw appeal when he was on four. He was dropped on 135 when Dhananjaya de Silva missed a return catch and again on 151 as Pakistan closed in on the win.

A rain delay after lunch slowed down Pakistan's push for victory with 11 runs still required, but it really was only a matter of time.

The previous highest successful run chase at Galle was Sri Lanka's 268 against New Zealand in 2019.

"We knew that the set batsmen had to score big," Shafique said. "The early part was always going to be tough but once you are set, you can score big runs here."

Together with overnight batsman Mohammad Rizwan, Shafique added 71 runs for the fourth wicket to help Pakistan inch toward the victory target of 342.

Rizwan eventually fell for 40 when Prabath Jayasuriya trapped him lbw, leaving Pakistan needing less than 70 runs with six wickets in hand. Sri Lanka also claimed the wicket of Agha Salman (12) in the last over before lunch, when Jayasuriya had him caught behind.

Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne regretted not having enough runs in the first innings. "We won the toss and batted first and we should have scored much more than the 222 we managed," he said. "There were some soft dismissals and that gave them the advantage.

Mission accomplished: A delighted Shafique heads back to the pavilion after the victory. • AFP

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka — 1st innings: 222.
Pakistan 1st innings: 218.
Sri Lanka — 2nd innings: 337.
Pakistan — 2nd innings: Abdullah Shafique (not out) 160, Imam-ul-Haq st Dickwella b R. Mendis 35, Azhar Ali c de Silva b Jayasuriya 6, Babar Azam b Jayasuriya 55, Mohammad Rizwan lbw b Jayasuriya 40, Agha Salman c Dickwella b Jayasuriya 12, Hasan Ali c Theekshana b Dhananjaya 5, Mohammad Nawaz (not out) 19; Extras (b-5, lb-7): 12; Total (for six wkts. in 127.2 overs): 344.
Fall of wickets: 1-87, 2-104, 3-205, 4-276, 5-298, 6-303.
Sri Lanka bowling: Rajitha 9-2-18-0, Jayasuriya 56.2-10-135-4, R. Mendis 33-0-102-1, Theekshana 14-2-44-0, Dhananjaya 15-1-33-1.
MoM: Shafique.
Pakistan won by four wickets, leads two-Test series 1-0.

New Zealand seals series

AGENCIES
BELFAST

Dane Cleaver top scored with 78 and Michael Bracewell, with a hat-trick, brought the Ireland innings to a close on 91 as New Zealand thumped the host by 88 runs in the second T20I here on Wednesday. Ish Sodhi also picked up three wickets.

With this win, the Kiwis have taken an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

The final T20I will be played on Friday.

The scores: New Zealand 179/4 in 20 overs (Finn Allen 35, Dane Cleaver 78) bt Ireland 91 in 13.5 overs (Ish Sodhi 3/21, Michael Bracewell 3/5).

Dhanalakshmi, Aishwarya caught doping

Sprinter tested positive in Kazakhstan, jumper in Chennai during the Nationals

ATHLETICS

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

When S. Dhanalakshmi clocked a very impressive 11.26s (joint second in India's all-time list) for the 100m recently in Turkey and then followed it up with a sterling 22.89s 200m in Kazakhstan, many were stunned.

Equally stunning were B. Aishwarya's 14.14m triple jump, which broke Mayookha Johny's 11-year-old National record and made her this year's Asian No. 1, and the 6.73m long jump at last month's Inter-State Nationals in Chennai. But now, the two stars have failed dope tests and their departure to next week's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham now looks very doubtful.

The Athletics Integrity Unit, formed by World Athletics a few years ago to fight doping in the sport, had tested Tamil Nadu's Dhanalakshmi at Almaty (Kazakhstan) recently, and according to sources, in an out-of-competition test, while Karnataka's Aishwarya failed an in-competition test conducted by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) at the Chennai Nationals.

Troubled times: Having failed the dope tests, the participation of Aishwarya and Dhanalakshmi in the Commonwealth Games looks very doubtful. • VELANKANNI RAJ

Coach shocked

"I just heard the news and (was) shocked," B.P. Aiyappa, Aishwarya's coach, told *The Hindu* on Wednesday.

Meanwhile sources in the Thiruvananthapuram SAI-LNCPE centre, the national camp venue for sprinters, quartermilers and relays, confirmed that Dhanalakshmi had packed her bags and left the place a few days ago.

Dhanalakshmi, who upset top names like Dutee Chand and Hima Das in recent meets and emerged as the country's fastest 100 and 200m runner this year, came to the spotlight when she finished third in her first-ever quartermile at last year's 4x400m mixed relay trials and went to the Tokyo Olympics. All her personal bests, in the 100, 200 and 400m came last month. Dhanalakshmi had also qualified for the ongoing World Championships in the USA, through the World rankings route, but said that she could not go to Oregon because of visa issues. Strangely, though her name appeared in Road to Oregon chart, her name did not figure in the Worlds' 200m entry list.

Aishwarya's progress in the last couple of years have raised eyebrows. From a 6.25m long jumper and 13.29m triple jumper two years ago, she made big long jumps moving to 6.52 (2021) and 6.73 this year (triple jump: 13.55 & 14.14).

Worst year

With many big names, like discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur (sixth, Tokyo Olympics), Asian silver medallist javelin thrower Shivpal Singh, quartermiler M.R. Poovamma (Asian Games 4x400m relay gold medallist), former National javelin record holder Rajender Singh and some new National gold medallists like Taranjeet Kaur and K. Naresh Kumar – 2021 Warangal National Open 100m champions – failing dope tests in the last 12 months, and now with Dhanalakshmi and Aishwarya joining the list, this is perhaps the worst year for Indian athletics after the 2011 scandal when six women quartermilers were caught in the doping net.

If we can track one route, we can stop many: Anju George

Says she was expecting this after the spurt in good results from Aishwarya at the Inter-State Nationals

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

When Anju Bobby George saw B. Aishwarya doing the big long jumps at the Inter-State Nationals in Chennai, she had her doubts.

"When I saw her big jumps in Chennai, I could sense that something was wrong. Because in the long jump, I know how difficult it is to fly up to 6.70," said Anju in a chat with *The Hindu* on Wednesday.

"This (Aishwarya's 6.73) came all of a sudden. It's not possible. So, I was expecting this."

Anju, the country's lone World Championships medallist (long jump bronze, 2003, Paris), feels that efforts must be taken to find out where the illegal substances came from.

Anju Bobby George. • FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

- Anju feels that efforts must be taken to find out where the illegal substances came from
- Says that there should be frequent and intensive testing at the National camps
- And that the country's top athletes should be in the (registered) testing pool

Source of the substance

"We should find out from the athlete whether this substance came from abroad or locally. If we can track one route, we can stop many. They are spoiling the chances of so many young athletes.

"This is wrong, we cannot allow this to go on. I have been trying to campaign against doping in sport for some time," said Anju, the long jump national record holder with 6.83m, who runs a top jumps academy in Bengaluru.

"All of a sudden someone is coming, doing something and getting caught. We should stop this. She (Aishwarya) is based in Bengaluru, using SAI's facilities and training there but she was not ready to attend the camp. That itself makes one doubt.

"If they (Aishwarya and Dhanalakshmi) had gone to the Commonwealth Games or the World Championships and tested positive there, what a disgrace it would have been for the country."

The Athletics Federation of India has been harping that it is doing everything it can to check doping. But with the numbers increasing, what more can it do?

"Frequent testing at the camps, intensive testing... and all our top athletes should be in the (registered) testing pool. That is why the AFI is saying that athletes should join national camps," said Anju, who is also AFI's senior vice-president.

But national campers have also been caught doping, isn't it?

"The campers are also doing it but we can test them any time. If anybody wants to test them, they are available there. Someone may take the substance but she is not hiding.

"There are many things in place to check doping, but still the cheaters are way ahead. They are tying to find new methods to cheat the system."

LIVE TELECAST

TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.15 p.m.

World Athletics Championships: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), Sony LIV, World Athletics Facebook & YouTube channels, 5.30 a.m. (Friday)

IN BRIEF

Stenson stripped of Ryder Cup captaincy

LONDON

Henrik Stenson was Wednesday stripped of the captaincy of the European Ryder Cup team, with the Swede understood to be on the verge of joining the Saudi-funded rebel LIV Golf series. AFP

Fencer Bhavani loses in second round

CAIRO

India's top-ranked fencer Bhavani Devi bowed out in the second round to Germany's Larissa Eifler 15-12 of the senior women's individual sabre event at the Fencing World Championships here on Wednesday. She beat Gabriella Page of Canada 15-14 in the opening round. PTI

Bhagwan, Pragati top Indian archers

SPORTS BUREAU

Bhagwan Das and Pragati topped among the Indian archers in the compound qualification rounds of the Archery World Cup Stage-4 in Medellin, Colombia, on Tuesday.

Bhagwan scored 706 points to take the ninth place in the men's section. He was followed by Priyansh (704, 18th), C.R. Srither (703, 23rd) and Rajat Chauhan (701, 27th) as all Indian male archers got 700-plus scores in windy conditions.

Pragati collected 696 points for the seventh slot among women. She was followed by Srishti Singh (688, 20th), Madhura Dhamangaonkar (683, 24th) and Raginee Markoo (670, 35th).

The Indian men's team placed fourth with 2113 points, while the women's team was sixth with 2067 points.

The mixed team was fifth with a total of 1402 points.

Thirty-six sports in National Games

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

The 36th National Games, to be held across six cities in Gujarat from September 27 to October 10, will have 36 disciplines including indigenous sports mallakhamba and yogasana.

According to a release on Wednesday, the Games will have the following disciplines: aquatics, archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, canoeing and kayaking, cycling, fencing, football, gymnastics, golf, handball, hockey, judo, kabaddi, kho-kho, lawn bowl, mallakhamba, netball, roller skating, rowing, rugby 7s, shooting, soft ball, soft tennis, squash, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling, wushu and yogasana.

There were 33 sports on the roster of the 35th Games in Kerala in 2015.

The Games, which will be held in Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar, will witness the participation of 28 States and eight Union Territories and will seek to promote the theme, 'Sports for Unity.'

"These are going to be the best-ever National Games by far. The Gujarat Government, their State Olympic Association and other officials are already working day and night to make the Games a spectacle for the fans. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) will stand steadfastly by them to ensure proper coordination in technical matters and sharing of experience and expertise," said IOA secretary-general Rajeev Mehta.

Bopanna in doubles quarterfinals

SPORTS BUREAU

Rohan Bopanna, seeded fourth with Matwe Middelkoop, sailed into the doubles quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Dustin Brown and Tobias Kamke in the €1,911,620 ATP tennis tournament in Hamburg, Germany..

In the $60,000 ITF women's event in Kazakhstan, Ankita Raina was beaten 7-6(4), 3-6, 6-2 by Natalija Stevanovic of Serbia in the first round, but made the doubles quarterfinals with Shavit Kimchi of Israel.

Other results:

€45,730 Challenger, Tampere, Finland: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan bt Benjamin Hannestad & Johannes Ingildsen (Den) 6-3, 6-4.

Lagos should come good in Osman Sagar Cup

HYDERABAD: Trainer D. Netto's mare Lagos, which ran third in her last start, should make amends in the Osman Sagar Cup, the feature event of the opening day's races of the Hyderabad Monsoon season here on Thursday (July 21).

1 CON AMORE PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 1.15 p.m.: 1. China Town (3) D.S. Deora 56, 2. Deccan Ranger (13) Md. Ismail 56, 3. Dr Dee Dee (5) Aneel 56, 4. Good Day (7) Gaurav Singh 56, 5. Long John (12) Uday Kiran 56, 6. Rovaniemi (6) Suraj Narredu 56, 7. City Of Hustle (9) Koushik 54.5, 8. Clefairy (8) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 9. Lights On (4) Nakhat Singh 54.5, 10. Malibu (10) Kuldeep Singh 54.5, 11. N R I Ultrapower (11) M. Madhu Babu 54.5, 12. Nugget (2) P.S. Chouhan 54.5 and 13. Virangna (1) Afroz Khan 54.5.

1. NUGGET, 2. MALIBU, 3. LIGHTS ON

2 TENACITY PLATE (1,200m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III), 1.45: 1. Aiza (3) Aneel 60, 2. Charmer (8) Gaurav Singh 60, 3. Classy Dame (6) R.S. Jodha 60, 4. Sye Ra (9) Deepak Singh 60, 5. Turning Wheel (2) Abhay Singh 60, 6. Space Time (4) Kiran Naidu 59.5, 7. First In Line (7) Surya Prakash 59, 8. N R I Secret (11) Santosh Raj 59, 9. Choice Of Diamond (5) Kuldeep Singh 58.5, 10. Berkeley (1) Afroz Khan 57.5 and 11. That's My Way (10) Ajeeth Kumar 53.5.

1. CLASSY DAME, 2. TURNING WHEEL, 3. FIRST IN LINE

3 CON AMORE PLATE (DIV. II) (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 2.15: 1. City Cruise (12) Nakhat Singh 56, 2. Desert Sultan (8) B.R. Kumar 56, 3. First Apostle (6) Ishwar Singh 56, 4. Ivanhoe (2) P.S. Chouhan 56, 5. My Pleasure (4) R.S. Jodha 56, 6. Star Medal (5) Gaurav Singh 56, 7. The Sensation (3) Abhay Singh 56, 8. Wind Sprite (1) Kuldeep Singh 56, 9. Alina (11) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 10. Alpine Girl (9) Santosh Raj 54.5, 11. N R I Angel (10) Koushik 54.5 and 12. Silver Lining (7) Afroz Khan 54.5.

1. STAR MEDAL, 2. CITY CRUISE, 3. IVANHOE

4 ADILABAD PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.45: 1. Sun Dancer (3) Kiran Naidu 60.5, 2. Unmatched (10) Deepak Singh 59.5, 3. Bangor On Dee (4) Akshay Kumar 57.5, 4. Exclusive Spark (2) Md. Ismail 57.5, 5. Happy Go Lucky (5) Kuldeep Singh 56, 6. Ashwa Sultan (8) D.S. Deora 55, 7. Exotic Dancer (9) A.A. Vikrant 54, 8. Theo's Choice (11) P. Sai Kumar 52.5, 9. Visionary (1) Surya Prakash 52, 10. Pedro Planet (6) B. Nikhil 51 and 11. Akash (7) P. Gaddam 50.

1. BANGOR ON DEE, 2. SUN DANCER, 3. ASHWA SULTAN

5 P.M. BOKDAWALLA MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.20: 1. Falcon Edge (2) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Blue Origin (5) Suraj Narredu 59, 3. Akido (3) Nakhat Singh 57.5, 4. DRD (1) P. Sai Kumar 55.5, 5. Francis Bacon (7) P.S. Chouhan 55.5, 6. Rhythm Selection (4) Ishwar Singh 53, 7. Char Ek Char (12) Ajeeth Kumar 52.5, 8. N R I Sport (8) B.R. Kumar 52, 9. Able Love (10) B. Nikhil 51.5, 10. Mark My Day (13) Gaurav Singh 51.5, 11. Royal Grace (9) Afroz Khan 51.5, 12. Star Racer (11) Surya Prakash 51.5 and 13. Miss Little Angel (6) Santosh Raj 51.

1. FALCON EDGE, 2. BLUE ORIGIN, 3. AKIDO

6 ADILABAD PLATE (DIV. II) (1,100m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.50: 1. AYR (5) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Costello (4) A.A. Vikrant 58.5, 3. Ambitious Star (1) R.S. Jodha 58, 4. Vision Of Rose (3) Santosh Raj 57.5, 5. Explosive (7) G. Naresh 56, 6. Glimmer Of Hope (8) S.S. Tanwar 55, 7. Sorry Darling (9) Ishwar Singh 54, 8. Gurbaaz (6) B. Nikhil 53, 9. Exclusive Luck (2) Md. Ismail 52 and 10. Golden Forza (10) Surya Prakash 52.

1. AYR, 2. COSTELLO, 3. AMBITIOUS STAR

7 OSMAN SAGAR CUP (1,200m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 4.20: 1. Lagos (3) Suraj Narredu 61, 2. Premier Action (8) Kiran Naidu 59, 3. Scramjet (13) P. Sai Kumar 59, 4. New Look (11) R.S. Jodha 58.5, 5. Saffron Art (10) S.S. Tanwar 55, 6. Xfinity (2) P.S. Chouhan 55, 7. House Of Diamonds (9) Akshay Kumar 54, 8. Trump Star (12) A.A. Vikrant 54, 9. Mirana (6) P. Gaddam 52.5, 10. Red Snaper (14) Afroz Khan 52.5, 11. Stunning Force (5) Md. Ismail 52.5, 12. Chuckit (4) Surya Prakash 52, 13. Skipton (1) B. Nikhil 51.5 and 14. Ashwa Raudee (7) D.S. Deora 50

1. LAGOS, 2. NEW LOOK, 3. HOUSE OF DIAMONDS

8 SCARLET PRINCE PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.50: 1. True Icon (10) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Wallop And Gallop (5) Deepak Singh 58, 3. Silk (3) G. Naresh 57.5, 4. Mireya (14) D.S. Deora 57, 5. N R I Millennium (8) Koushik 57, 6. High Reward (6) Nakhat Singh 56.5, 7. The Image (2) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 8. Mysterious Angel (4) P.S. Chouhan 55, 9. Muaser (9) Kuldeep Singh 53.5, 10. Archangels (13) P. Gaddam 53, 11. Above The Law (7) Md. Ismail 52, 12. Ashwa Migsun (11) B.R. Kumar 50.5, 13. New Hustle (1) B. Nikhil 50.5 and 14. Special And Thong (12) Surya Prakash 50.5.

1. THE IMAGE, 2. MYSTERIOUS ANGEL, 3. N R I MILLENNIUM

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Tanala: All races.

Indian men's team wins rapid fire pistol silver

SHOOTING

SPORTS BUREAU

The Indian team lost the gold in a thriller in the rapid fire pistol team event, but topped the medals table in the shooting World Cup that concluded in Changwon, Korea, on Wednesday.

Anish Bhanwala, Sameer and Vijayveer Sidhu had topped the second stage to make the gold contest, and led 10-2 before the Czech Republic turned it around to make it a lively contest.

At 15-15, the Czech Republic had 11 hits out of 15 to pip India which had shot 10, with Anish's perfect five proving inadequate.

In the mixed skeet event, Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Muffaddal Deesawala shot 138 and missed the qualification for the medal contest by two points.

India was on top of the table among 21 countries that won medals, with five gold, six silver and four bronze medals. Host Korea was second with four gold, five silver and three bronze.

Czech Repulic (4), China (3), Serbia (3), Italy (2), Germany (2), Singapore (2), Australia, France, Britain, Slovakia and Japan were the other teams to take their share from an overall collection of 30 gold medals.

The results: 25m rapid fire pistol team men: 1. Czech Republic (Martin Podhrasky, Tomas Tehan, Matej Rampula) 17 (572) 863; 2. India (Anish Bhanwala, Sameer, Vijayveer Sidhu) 15 (578) 966; 3. Korea 17 (558) 872; 4. Japan 1 (553) 840.

Hardik and Pant gain in the ODI rankings

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBAI

India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah dropped to second among bowlers while Hardik Pandya rose a whopping 13 places to eighth in the all-rounders' list in the latest ICC ODI rankings issued on Wednesday.

Yuzvendra Chahal jumped four spots to 16th. Hardik also jumped eight spots to 42nd in the batting rankings, following his excellent series.

Rishabh Pant, who scored a ton in the final ODI, was rewarded with a rise of 25 spots to 52nd.

Pujara hits 231; Washington scalps five

Pujara. • FILE PHOTO

AGENCIES
LONDON

Cheteshwar Pujara hit a double century on captaincy debut for Sussex to put his side in a commanding position against Middlesex on Wednesday.

Pujara scored 231 (403b, 21x4, 3x6), his third double from 10 innings for the county this season, as the side notched up a massive 523.

With 997 runs, including five centuries, Pujara now averages an astonishing 124.62 in the 2022 County Championship.

All-rounder Washington Sundar made his presence felt on his County debut for Lancashire by picking up five for 76 against host Northamptonshire which was restricted to 235. In reply, Lancashire was bundled out for 132 with the Indian scoring two.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Neha and Seher in the lead

Neha Tripathi, who has not won on the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour since the first leg of the 2019 season, had a share of the first round lead in the tenth leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Prestige Golfshire. A card of two-under 70 installed her as a co-leader with Seher Atwal.

The scores (top five): 70: Neha Tripathi, Seher Atwal; **71:** Vidhatri Urs, Sneha Singh, Ishvari Prasanna.

Double for Gautham Nair

Gautham Nair bagged a double in the Yonex Sunrise State-ranking badminton tournament here.

The results (finals): Boys: Under-11: Singles: Gautham Nair bt Siddharth Nair 21-12, 21-12; **doubles:** Gautham Nair & Siddharth Nair bt Vishal Anand & Vishal Uthappa 21-17, 21-8.

U-13: Singles: Sai Pushkar bt Dylan Thokchom 21-9, 21-9; **doubles:** Karansh Naidu & Dylan Thokchom bt Sai Pushkar & C. Vihaan 15-21, 21-14, 21-17.

Desmond Antony hammers double ton

Desmond Antony (222, 158b, 17x4,13x6) starred for Jupiter Cricketers Association in its KSCA Group I, Division II league outing against Friends Union CC (2) here.

The scores: Jupiter 293 in 79.1 overs (Desmond Antony 222, Keshav Manjunath 27, Rajendra Danganavar 4/73, Shravan Babu 3/39) drew with Friends Union (2) 296 in 65 overs (R. Badrinaryanan 27, Kairav Reddy 57, Shravan Babu 27, Akhil Balachandra 50, Shubham Singh 66 n.o., Rajendra Danganavar 37, Santosh Kumar Bharadwaj 3/96, S. Chiranth 4/71).

The Bangalore Cricketers 120 in 49 overs (D. Bharath 30, S. Chethan 34, Varu nRao 6/61, G.D. Naman 4/14) and 95/7 in 60 overs (K.B. Shreyas 36 n.o., Varun Rao 4/36, G.D. Naman 3/31) drew with Bangalore Occasionals 261 in 70.5 overs (Ashwin Santosh 48, Suraj Ahuja 88, Rajvir Wadhwa 54, D. Bharath 3/65, Kushal Pramesh 4/64).

Herons 272 in 71.5 overs (Arjun Hoysala 74, S.P. Arjun 54 n.o., Mohammed Waseef 60, Aditya Mani 30, Clement Rajmohank 4/38, Kazi Abrar 3/54) drew with Jawans 241 in 71.2 overs (U. Karan 73, Lakshan 30, Kazi Abrar 68, Milind Mali 47, Aditya Mani 4/77, S.S.Sumanth 3/68, Aevant Kothari 3/61).

Coles 320 in 86.1 overs (Bharath Kumar 58, G. Harshavardhan 37, Hardik Raj 38, K. Somashekar 101, Adithya Nair 3/61) drew with Jawahar (1) 118 in 38.1 overs (Smayansrivastav 3/31, Monish Reddy 3/53, Hardik Raj 4/31).

Wilson Garden 340 in 88.2 overs (Srujan Nandan 61, Yashwant 104, S. Abhinav 53, Shashank Krishnamurthy 40, Suraj Reddy 39, N.S. Sachin 3/71) drew with Jawahar (2) 371/7 in 81 overs (Faizan Khan 34, Nikhil Vedanth 160, R. Ajith 149, Aman Mallya 3/77).

Vijaya 437/6 decl. in 81 overs (Prakar Chaturvedi 69, Samit Dravid 137, Sachin Shinde 37, N. Yash 103 n.o., Zeeshan Ali 81 n.o., K.V. Chethan 3/65, Siddana Gouda 3/141) drew with Bangalore SC 81 in 31.5 overs (Anupam 25, Samit Dravid 3/7, Sachin Shinde 5/22) and 104/4 in 33 overs (Ayudh Sharma 40).

Gaurav Dhiman excels as Swastic Union (2) takes lead

Former India under-19 cricketer Gaurav Dhiman (5/22 and 77) helped Swastic Union (2) take the first-innings lead in its drawn KSCA Group I, Division I league encounter against Social Cricketers here.

The scores:

Social Cricketers 143 in 51.2 overs (Sudhanwa Kulkarni 29, V. Vyshak 42, Gaurav Dhiman 5/22, C.A. Karthik 4/21) drew with Swastic Union (2) 314/8 in 64.3 overs (Aman Khan 40, S.S. Sujay 133, Gaurav Dhiman 77, Madhav Bajaj 50 n.o.).

Friends Union (1) 335 in 67.2 overs (G.S. Chiranjeevi 87, K. Shashindra 48, Rishi Bopanna 43, I.G. Anil 25 n.o., Likhit Bannur 6/116) drew with Chintamani SA 142 in 47.4 overs (Abdul Majid 42 n.o., Dushyanth Venkat 28, Utham Aiyappa 3/17, B.U. Shivakumar 4/20) and 173/3 in 44 overs (Faizaan Sidiq 53 n.o., Abdul Majid 81 n.o.).

Cambridge 310 in 86.3 overs (L.R. Chethana 102, Shubhang Hegde 79, Chandrashekhar Nayak 25, S. Punith 5/70) drew with Sir Syed Cricketers 390/6 in 87.2 overs (Nikin Jose 48, Rohan Patil 76, Luvnith Sisodia 85, Tanay Valmik 103 n.o., M.S. Bhandage 33, Shubhang Hegde 4/99).

Swastic Union (1) 334 in 86.5 overs (Nishith Raj 37, N.A. Chinmay 81, S. Rakshith 61, Rohit Sabharwall 50, Bheem Rao 48 n.o., Kranthi Kumar 3/44) drew Rajajinagar Cricketers 129/8 in 56 overs (Nitin Bhille 44, H.S. Sharath 25 n.o., Gurbax Arya 3/17).

Mount Joy 201 in 72.4 overs (Akshan Rao 63, Sushmeendra Achar 39, Aditya Goyal 3/59, Anmol Mathur 3/53) drew with Bangalore United (1) 297/7 decl. in 64.3 overs (Liyan Khan 104, Samarth Srinivas 82, Abhinav Manohar 34, Tristan Joseph 34).

Modern 232 in 72.5 overs (Jeswanth Acharya 27, Dheeraj Gowda 49, Rahul Vernekar 60, J. Suchith 3/35, Praveen Dubey 4/59) and 126/1 in 23 overs (Jeswanth Acharya 94) drew with Vultures 344/9 decl. in 56.4 overs (K.L. Shrijith 62, J. Suchith 25, R. Smaran 116, Kruthik Krishna 50, M.B. Darshan 29, Vishnu Jain 4/92).

ARULMIGU MARIAMMAN TEMPLE, SAMAYAPURAM, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT - 621 112.
Telephone No.0431 - 2670460 E-Mail : syemariamman@gmail.com

This Temples Public Auction / Tender Notice
Alert For 13.07.2022 Publication in The Hindu, Page No : 11
Ref No. 12984/1431/C4 Dated : 20.07.2022

Public Auction / Tender for the collection of tonsured hair of devotees of Arulmighu Mariamman Temple Samayapuram, and its sub temple Arulmighu Adhi Mariamman Temple, Inam Samayapuram, Trichirappalli District, Tamilnadu, for Fasli 1432 (01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023) was advertised in 13.07.2022 The Hindu, Page No: 11 to conduct on 29.07.2022 at 01.30 pm Mariamman Mandapam, First floor in Master plan complex Samayapuram.

At present this item has been decided to conduct through **MSTC** (E-Tender) on the same day i.e., on 29.07.2022 at 01.30 PM as per the same conditions. Therefore, the tender forms issued through **https://samayapurammariamman.hrce.tn.gov.in** and **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** to be conducted by the temple has been deleted now. Those interested to participate in the above E-Tender to be conducted by MSTC are requested to register themselves at **https://www.mstcecommerce.com** and participate in E-Tender. Any queries regarding this matter are requested to contact MSTC office numbers 9499054101, 9499054102, 9499054103, 9499054104 and 9444070359.

DIPR/ 3445 /TENDER/2022

S.Kalyani M.L.,
Joint Commissioner/Executive Officer / Fit Person.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಶಿಅಯೋ/ಕೂ/ಪ.ಪ್ರ/2022-23. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.07.2022

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ 362 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾಗಿರುವ 06 ತಿಂಗಳಿಂದ 06 ವರ್ಷದ ಒಳಗಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾತೃಪೂರ್ಣ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಗರ್ಭಿಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಣಂತಿ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೋಳಿಮೊಟ್ಟೆಯನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸಲು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಾಕಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳವರು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.07.2022 ರಿಂದ 30.07.2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ರವರೆಗೆ https://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸಂಡೂರು ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ.

ವಾಪ್ರಇ/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/51/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

(Government of Karnataka)
RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT HASSAN DIVISION HASSAN
Phone No.08172-261640 Email Id:eerdwsd.hsn@gmail.com

TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 03/2022-23 (POSTPONED) DATED : 21-05-2022

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Hassan Division, Hassan has invited the tender for the works of Holenarasipura Taluk approved under 2021-22 MVS mention below. **Two Cover System works Holenarasipura Taluk 02 works (General Category)** The above work tender is invited in Two cover system in e-procurement portal. The tender details are available in www.e-procurement.karnataka.gov.in From 25-07-2022 After 5.30P.m The bidder should submitted the tender within the dated :16.08.2022 before 5.30 P.m on dated:10.08.2022 the prebid meeting conducted in this office entrusted contractor may participated venue office of the Chief Engineer rural drinking water supply and sanitation department 1st Floor, KHB Complex, "E" Block, K G Road, Kaveri Bhavan, Banglore, The Technical bid will open on dated : 18-**08-2022** after 11.00 A.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated: **20-08-2022** after 11.00A.M. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights to cancel all tenders or any one tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation Dept, Hassan division, Hassan.

ವಾಪ್ರಇ/ಹಾಸನ/ಅಸಿಸ್/ಎಂಸಿಎ/320/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Bagalkot
Tel Phone.: 08354- 235042 E-mail ID: bgkeezpe@yahoo.com
Fax: 08354-235043

No: EE/PRED/BGK/PB-1/RD/5054/Tender/2022-23/1109 Date:18.07.2022

FOURTH CALL SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (KW-4 Bid Document)

Tender Called for the Work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-4 through Public electronic Tendering System **(E-Tender from Class-1 contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD,** Who have got adequate financial resources, State of Technology, Suitable Construction equipments technical man Power & Sufficient past Experience for the following Work as per Schedule Given Below.

Tender Called for 5054- Terdal Constituency (Rs.14.00 Crore) Scheme Under Work Indent No: RDPR/2021-22/RD/WORK_INDENT87334/ Call-4 read as below.

Calender of event

1	Request of blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement	**Dt:18.07.2022 to 04.08.2022 at 5.30pm**
2	Pre-Bid meeting Date	**Dt:02.08.2022 at 11.00am**
3	Opening of Technical Bid Date	**Dt:06.08.2022 at 11.00am**
4	Opening of Financial Bid Date	**After approval of Technical bid.**

Note:-More details can be obtained through website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the below signed Office during the office hours. Phone no: 08354-235042

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bagalkot

DIPR/BGK/285/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Department Of Woman and Child Development Child Development Project. Tumkur Urban.

E-TENDER SCHEDULE

Tender Reference No. : No.cdpo/tu/E.T/2022-23 dated 15.07.2022

1) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from eProcurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in : From **15.07.2022. 2)** Date, Time & amp; Venue of Pre- bid Meeting : From **15.07.2022** at 11.00AM at the Following, **Venue:** Department of women and child Development Office of the child Development Project Tumkur Urban Ashok Nagara 9 th Cross Tumkur 572102, T No:0816-2955399. **3)** Last Date and Time for Uploading online Queries 1 in eprocurement portal : **08.08.2022** up to 05.00 PM. **4)** Last Date and Time for Uploading of E Tender 2 in eprocurement portal : **16.08.2022** up to 05.00 PM. **5)** Date and Time of online opening of Technical Bids 3 : **18.08.2022** after 05.00 PM. **6)** Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids : Shall be intimated in eprocurement Portal. **7)** Place of opening of Tenders : Eprocurement Portal CDPO Office Tumkur Urban. **8)** Address for Communiction **Child Development Project Officer :** Department of Women and Child Development Office of the Child Development Project, Tumkur Urban, Ashok Nagara 9 th Cross B H Road Tumkur Tele No:0816-2955399 Email Id:cdpotumkurban @gmail.com

Sd/-Child Development Project Officer, Tumkur Urban.

DIPR/TUM/319/MCA/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners: (1) Sri.M.Srishchandra Arya, (2) Sri.M.Krishna Prasad Arya, (3) Sri.M.Sundareswara Arya- Parties No.1 to 3 are sons of late M.R.Arya; (4) Smt.Srilatha, (5) Sri.Suresh Chandra & (6) Smt.Sujatha Lakshmi - Parties No.4 to 6 are wife and children of late M.Krishna Prasad Arya, residing at: No.3/2, Bull Temple Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.3/1, PID No.49-6-3/1, measuring East to West 86'9" and North to South 119'3", with a building thereon, situated at Bull Temple Road, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Late Sri.D.Srinivasa Rao's house
West by : Property No.3 of Late Smt.M.Sowgandhika and Sri.M.Rajendra Mohan Arya and common passage leading to Bull Temple Road
North by : Lakshmipathi's house
South by : Property of Smt.Rajeshwari Parankusum

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

No.ಶಿಮನಪಾ:ಕಾವಿ-2:ಟೆಂಡರ್:10/2022-23 Date:18.07.2022

Short-term Tender Notification
(Through e-procurement)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal in Two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999-2000 and Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document procedure to undertake the following works coming under Shivamogga City Corporation limits. The bidders who are interested in participating through e-procurement tender can obtain the details in website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

(1). Last date to apply for tender forms through e-procurement payment: **On 01.08.2022 till 4.30 P M.** (2). Date of opening of Technical Tender through e-procurement: **02.08.2022 after 4.00 P M.** (3). Date of opening of Financial bid through e-procurement: **03.08.2022 after 4.30 P M.** (4). More details can be obtained from e-portal and other details from this office during office hours. (5). Period for completion of works : **1). 06 months. (including rainy season)** (6). Class of contractors : **Sl. No. 1. Class 03 and above.**

Sl No. 1. Indent No: **133962.** Name of the works : **Demolition of old building of Government Higher Primary School, New Mandli in the limits of Ward No. 31 and construction of a new building.** Approx.amount (Rs in lakhs) : **95.19** EMD amount (In Rs) : **1,90,380.00** Grants : **SFC Special Grants for 2019-20.**

Note: Any changes/corrigendum will be published in e-procurement only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Division - 2)
Shivamogga City Corporation
Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No.109-07
zenkar/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಬಾಲಭವನ ಆವರಣ, ಸ್ಟೇಡಿಯಂ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ. ದೂ: 08194-295810
ಸಂ:ಶಿ.ಯೋ.ಚಿ/ಕೋ.ಮೊ.ಸ/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.07.2022

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 247 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋಳಿಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ವಿತರಣೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಏರಿದಿ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ.: DWCD/2022-23/IND1735 Dated: 16.07.2022. ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.08.2022 ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಪರಾಮರ್ಶಿಸಿ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ.

RO No. 373: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

Karnataka State
Women and Child Department, Hiriyur-577598.
Ph: 08193-263512, Email: cdpohiriyur@gmail.com
No. CDPO/HYR/Egg/E-Tender/22-23 Dated: 15.07.2022

E-Tender Notification

The Child Development Project Officer, Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga District Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka (Purchaser) invites E-Tenders from eligible tenderers who are registered in the eProcurement Portal by using ID & Digital Signature for the Supply of Eggs to ICDS Projects at Hiriyur Taluk Chitradurga District as per details given below:website address http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Contact No.9620130402

Item / Goods: Eggs including Transportation, Quantity: 1982880, Estimated Cost per year (Rs. In lakhs): 120.00, EMD (Rs. In lakhs): 2.00, Last Date and Time uploading e Tender in e Procurement portal: 16.08.2022 upto 5:00 PM.

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Hiriyur

RO No. 366: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ನಗರ.
E-mail: cdpobgmu1@gmail.com

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಶಿಅಯೋಬೆ (ನ):ಮಮಅಇ:ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್:ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಟೆಂಡರ್:2022-23 ದಿ:19/07/2022.

: ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :

2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ನಗರ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ 376 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಖರೀದಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:DWCD:2022-23:IND:1835 ದಿನಾಂಕ 19-07-2022 ರಂತೆ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ವಿಳಾಸ WWW.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:18-08-2022 ರ ಸಂಜೆ:5.00 ಗಂಟೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ನಗರ ಇವರನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂ-9886835737

ಸಹಿ/-ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ನಗರ.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-565/MCA/2022-23

ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಯಲಹಂಕ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು.
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 064. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:080-28462513

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಯೋಜನಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 785 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿತರಿಸಲು ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಕೋಳಿಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅರ್ಹ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳಿಂದ/ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 19.07.2022 ರಿಂದ 19.08.2022 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ www.eproc.karnataka.in ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಮಿನಿ ವಿಧಾನ ಸೌಧ (ನೆಲಮಹಡಿ), ಯಲಹಂಕ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080-28462513.

ಸಹಿ/- ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು.

ವಾ.ಸು.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಬೆಂ/1447/ಟೆಂಡರ್/22-23

FORM 5 - A

[Rule 5 (b)]

Form of Citation

IN THE COURT OF XI ADDITTONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

CCH - 08

Hearing Date : 10-10-2022

P & S. C No. 306/ 2022

(IN THE MATTER OF ASSETS OF LATE DIANA PHILOMENA GLADYS D' SOUZA alias DIANA D'SOUZA)

BETWEEN

1. Mr.Richard Francis Valerian D'Souza
H/o Late Diana Philomena Gladys D'Souza
Aged about 79 years, Christian, Occupation Nil
Residing at #4026, 1st Cross
Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560 038.

2. Ms. Karen Maria D'Souza
D/o Mr.Richard Francis Valerian D'Souza,
Aged about 40 years, Christian, Occupation Nil
Residing at #4026, 1st Cross
indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560 038.
Presently Residing at 193
Barnett Wood Lane Ashtead
Surrey KT 21 2LP, United Kingdom

Rep. by GPA holder Mr.Richard Francis Valerian D'Souza

....PETITIONERS

AND

NIL ....RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas Richard Francis Valerian D'Souza and Karen Maria D'Souza, the Petitioners above named and has filed a petition for granting succession certificate of the estate left behind by the deceased Diana Philomena Gladys D'Souza, resident of Villa No. #4026, 1st Cross, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560 008. Diana Philomena Gladys D'Souza died on 26.05.2001 and the aforementioned petition has been filed in respect of his property described in the schedule hereunder:

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said petition is posted for hearing on the 10 day of October 2022 and all persons claimant to have any interest in the estate of the deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Succession Certificate.

SCHEDULE OF MOVEABLE AND IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES

Valuation of the Shares in physical form held by late Diana Philomena Gladys D'Souza, wife of Richard Francis Valerian D'Souza — Rs.13,69,347/-

Sl. No.	Folio No.	Certificate No.	Company Name.	Qty of Shares	Value of Shares in Rupees
1	GM 911665	290862, 417480	GARDEN SILK MILLS LTD	80	608
2	GTD00750	00016832-35 00016838-39	GUJARAT THEMIS BIOSYN LTD	300	111900
3	DN0182	043536-37	KHODAY DISTILLERIES LTD	100	7200
4	Nd0000182	0002785-86	KHODAY DISTILLERIES LTD	200	14400
5	0900920	9720	VIP INDUSTRIES LTD	1000	626000
6	900120	88703-17 88720-22 192586-192603	PUNJAB ALKALIES & CHEMICALS LTD	1800	150100
7	AHE0300245	300245	ASIAN HOTELS (EAST) LTD	952	183736
8	AHN0300245	300245	ASIAN HOTELS (NORTH) LTD	952	72352
9	AHW0300245	300245	ASIAN HOTELS (WEST) LTD	952	152320
10	4235500	953677	ICICI BANK LTD	3	2091
11	D-0155	023251-023270	MODERN INSULATORS LTD	1000	48000
12	JSW 1238593	1138593	JSW STEEL LTD	1	640
			TOTAL VALUE IN RUPEES		**13,69,347/-**

The Valuation of Shares in physical form held by late Diana Philomena Gladys D'Souza is approximately Rs.13,69,347/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven Only) on the date of filing the Petition.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 4th day of July, 2022

Sd/-
Advocate for the Petitioner
Thomas Vellapally
Markos & Co, Advocates
#3527, 1st Cross, 13th H Main Road
HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar,Bengaluru 560 - 008

By order of the Court
Sd/-
The Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-282/22-23/3952-58 Date: 19.07.2022

Tender Notification (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against **Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/EPR-34-39 Dated: 19.07.2022** for "Providing Security Guards (Ex-Servicement) for watch and ward duties at various stations and Divisional stores in packages" pertaining to BMAZ South Circle, Bengaluru.

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 21.07.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned .

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Tr(M), BMAZ, South Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09, Phone: 080-22386686/85.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08338-273371 E-mail: cdpochikodi@yahoo.in
ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಶಿಅಯೋಚಿ:ಮಮಅಇ:ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್:ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಟೆಂಡರ್:2022-23 ದಿ:19/07/2022.

: ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :

2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ 243 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಖರೀದಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:DWCD:2022-23:IND:1828 ದಿ:19/07/2022 ರಂತೆ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ವಿಳಾಸ WWW.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:18/08/2022 ರ ಸಂಜೆ:5.00 ಗಂಟೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08338-273371 ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂ-9742990081

ಸಹಿ/-ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-560/MCA/2022-23

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department,
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Bengaluru Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk.
Phone: 080-29787463 E-mail:**eerdwsd.bngr1@gmail.com**
No.:EE/RDW&Sanitation Division/BR/TB/Tender/22-23/520 Date:19.07.2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.08/2022-23 Date:19.07.2022

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka according to KTPP Act 2000 through E-Procurement Portal for the works under 2022-23 2215 H/A under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to **Provide FHTCs to House Holds in Bengaluru Rural District** (Standard Tender Document KW-3, KW-4) Application & EMD Payment to be done through E-Procurement Portal. **General Conditions: (a)** Contractor has to upload Document in online only. **(b)** All qualifying documents has to be attached in online. **(1)** Tender schedule can be downloaded from website: **After 4.00 PM, 20.07.2022 (2)** Last date for tender uploading: **Up to 4.00 PM, 03.08.2022 (3)** Date of opening of Tender/Technical Bid: **at 4.05 PM, 04.08.2022 (4)** Date of opening of Financial bid: **at 11.00 AM, 08.08.2022.** More details can be taken from the office of the undersigned and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking **List of Tenders** which will link to all Dept.works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Bengaluru Rural.

DIPR/DD-C.P/1443/MCA/2022-23

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SRIKANTH Govind Raju, R/at Sri Kaustubha, No.594, 3rd Cross, 5th Main, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-560019 have changed my name to Srikanth Govindaraju vide affidavit dated 19-07-2022 before Notary Sivakumara.M. N, Bengaluru.

I, NAVEEN Siddhaiah, S/o Siddhaiah, R/at No.270, 1st Stage, Kanakashree Layout, Byrathi, Bengaluru-560077, have changed my name from Naveen Siddhaiah to Naveen Siddaiah vide affidavit dated 19-07-2022 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

PERSONAL

THANKSGIVING

THANKS ST Jude for saving me.Be with us always Dilna

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, NARASIMHAN RAMANUJULU VIJAYARANGAM, R/at 6, Gandhi Statue Bang 43 have changed my name from RAMANUJULU VIJAYARANGAM NARASIMHAN to NARENDRANATH MADURAI DEVARAJ for all future purposes by affidavit dated on 19/07/2022. Sworn before the Notary SESHAGIRI, Blore-43

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-3)

P & SC No. 402 / 2022

Between : 1. Smt. Jayalaxmi Karunakar Shetty W/o Late Karunakar Mahabala Shetty Aged about 52 years, R/at Flat No. 107, Greenaly Signature, A-Block, No.1072, Hulimavu Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560076.

2. Smt. Bhavya Karunakar Shetty, D/o Late Karunakar Mahabala Shetty, W/o Sri. Nikhil Dinesh Hegde, Aged about 30 years, Residing at No. A1 207 SMR RAJ GREENVM, 1st Main Road, Electronics City, Phase II, Anekal, Bangalore 560100.

3. Smt. Kavya Karunakar Shetty, D/o Late Karunakar Mahabala Shetty, W/o Sri. Hariprakash Hegde, Aged about 33 years, Residing at GREENALY SIGNATURE, Flat No.107, Block A, No. 1072, Hulimavu Layout, Opp Nano Hospital, BG Road, Bangalore 560076. ...Petitioners

And : Nil ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above-named Petitioner 1 is wife of the deceased and Petitioner 2 - Petitioner 3 are daughter of the deceased, has filed a petition under section 372 of Indian Succession Act, praying for grant of issuance of succession certificate in their favour to produce the concerned authorities transfer the shares in the joint names of the Petitioners in respect of the below mentioned schedule property, which was acquired by late Karunakar Mahabala Shetty who died on 03.06.2017.

Any person having their objection/s for issue of succession Certificate in respect of the schedule in favour of the Petitioners and any person having interest may cause the same by appearing before the court in person or through their Advocate **on this 25th day of August 2022 at 11.00 AM** failing which the matter will be heard and disposed off in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No. 03, Helena Apartment, situated at Swantantra Path, Vasco Da Gama, Goa - 403802 and the same is bounded on the

East by : Property of heirs of Antonio Francisco De Rosario and heirs of Dr. Roldao Henriques, West by : Property of heirs of Escolastica Cardoso Alvares, North by : Swatantra Path Road, South by : Property of Railways.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Hon'ble Court on 13.7.2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner :
Smt. Preshita Priyadarshini Jain
Sri. Pranay Jain, Advocates
No.7, Ganesha Temple Complex, 1st Floor, Begur Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.

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IN THE CITY COUR OF THE 72nd ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT CIVIL STATION BANGALORE
(MAYO HALL UNIT)
P & SC No 25050 / 2022 CCH 73

BETWEEN

1.Mr.R.Anthony Raj
S/o Mr.Raja Manickyam,
Aged About 55 years

2.Master Fabian Leonard
S/o Mr.R.Anthony Raj
Aged about 16 Years

3.Master. Glen Leonard
S/o Mr.R.Anthony Raj
Aged about 13 Years

All are residing at No 43, SBI Colony, 1st Cross, Thambu Chetty Playa, K.R Puram, Bangalore 560 036
Petitioner No 1 being father of the Respondent No 2&3 Represented by Father and natural Guardian ......PETITIONERS

AND

NIL ......RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner have made a petition to the court under Section 372 & 374 of Indian Succession Act for grant of probate in favour of the Petitioners

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by petitioner duly interested on 22-8-2022 at 11:00 am inform to show cause against the petitioner failing which, wherein the appearance will be heard/contested Respondent as Nil. Given under my hand and seal of the Court the 18th day of July 2022 .

Schedule

All the piece and interest of the land BDA site bearing No.255, 12 Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabavi, Bangalore measuring East to West 13.1 meters and North to South 9.14 meters bounded on

East : Vishabharati Valley
West : Road
North : Site No. 254
South : Site No. 256

Address for Service
Mr. A.Rafi
Mrs. Reshma Khanam
Barrot & Barrot
Advocate & Consultants
No. 202, 2nd Floor, No. 24/25
K. Kamaraj Road, Bangalore -560 042.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Magistrate
City Civil court
Bangalore - 56001

ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ-ಹರಿಹರ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸು ಬಡಾವಣೆ, 'ಎ' ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಪಿ.ಬಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ-06
ನಂ:ದಾಹನಪ್ರಾ:ಕಾಅ:ಶಾ:ಇಪ್ರ/ಟೆಂಪ್ರ04:2022-23/946 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-07-2022.

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ-ಹರಿಹರ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಐದು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಮುಂಗಡ ಹಣ ಠೇವಣಿ (ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.) ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ
1	ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ನಗರದ ತರಳಬಾಳು ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ 10ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ.	60.00	47.47	95,000-00
2	ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ನಗರದ ತರಳಬಾಳು ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ 11ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ.	60.00	47.47	95,000-00
3	ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ: 13 ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ.ದೇವರಾಜ ಕ್ವಾರ್ಟರ್ಸ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಇರುವ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇತೂರು ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಇಂದಿರಾ ನಗರ, ಎ.ಕೆ. ಹಟ್ಟಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಎರಡು ಬದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವುದು.	50.00	40.89	82,000-00
4	ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ನಗರದ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.33 ಸರಸ್ವತಿ ನಗರ ಬಿ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪಂಚಮುಖಿ ಆಂಜನೇಯ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ಮುಂಭಾಗದ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪಡಿಸುವುದು.	27.00	22.08	45,000-00
5	ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ನಗರದ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.28 ಕಸ್ತೂರಬಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಅಕ್ಕಮಹಾದೇವಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಬೇತೂರು ರಸ್ತೆ ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಶಿವಪ್ಪ ಸರ್ಕಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ನಿಟ್ಟುವಳ್ಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಕೆ.ಬಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪಡಿಸುವುದು.	23.00	18.56	38,000-00

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು : (1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 25-07-2022 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 27-07-2022 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ **Note: The rates quoted, whether specified or not, in the tender as per sanctioned estimate are inclusive of all lead and lifts and all other incidental charges to complete the work successfully.** 1) ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣವನ್ನು ಸಹ ನೀಡದೇ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 2) ಅಪೂರ್ಣ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. 3) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾಗುವ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳ ಗುಣಮಟ್ಟದ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ನೇಮಿಸುವ ಮೂರನೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ತಪಾಸಣಾ ತಂಡದವರಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನಂತರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಲು ಬದ್ಧರಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಾಪ್ರಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/292/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23 ಸಹಿ/- ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ದಾ-ಹ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

II OM SHREE MANJUNATHAYA NAMAHA II

Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (R.), DHARMASTHALA

Respectful felicitations to Rev. Shri D.Veerendra Heggadeji

who is taking oath as **Rajyasabha Member today** the 21st July, 2022 in the parliament.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS INITIATED BY SHRI D.VEERENDRA HEGGADE

in Karnataka through **Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (R.) (SKDRDP).**

Self Help Group Movement

Organising the underserved community consisting of farmers and women, SKDRDP has promoted so far 6,19,541 Self Help Groups consisting of 50 lakh families.

Financial Inclusion

Facilitated opening of bank accounts to 40 lakh members, resulting in in an overall borrowing of Rs. 90,000 crore with current outstanding of Rs. 17,000 crore.

Security to common man

60 lakh beneficiaries covered under Sampoorna Suraksha and Arogya Raksha Health Insurance Programme. Rs. 642 crore pay out. 40 lakh members covered under credit assurance scheme. Rs. 506 crore pay out.

Livelihood for everybody

25.2 lakh families started livelihood activities.

Empowered farming

2,87,081 Pragathibandhu groups with labour sharing. Promoted 4 farmer producer organisatons are active.

Jnanavikasa for women empowerment

5,275 Jnanavikasa women empowerment centers are running in the state.

Silent revolution in education

Support to infrastructure development in the schools. 6,466 schools supported with teachers.

Nobody lives hungry

13,625 families receive monthly pensions.

Support to differently abled

66 schools for differently abled assisted

Common Service Centers (CSC) Programme

10,000 CSCs started across the state. Central government schemes delivered at the door steps of the poor.

Save earth, transfer to the next generation

Special programme for conserving soil and water.

Swatch Bharath

One lakh centers of worship cleaned in the last five years. Cleanliness becomes lifestyle.

Silent agitation against alcoholism

Awareness and lobbying against alcoholism among poor people. 1,600 deaddiction camps bring back 1.50 lakh members to the addiction free society resulting in happy families.

Shourya

5,000 volunteers in 50 taluks conducted 31,000 activities to mitigate disaster and emergency support in different parts of the state. Lives and assets protected.

Support to disaster managment

Direct action during disaster, construction of thousands of houses, emergency aid, liberal donation to the Prime Minister and Chief Minister Relief funds.

Participatory programmes

Jnanadeepa Education Programme

10,334 government schools receive 65,144 desks and benches.

Support to Dairy Sector

4,251 Milk Producers Cooperative Societies receive aid for purchasing equipment and constructing own buildings.

Tank rejuvenation

467 water bodies rejuvenated.

Shuddhaganga drinking water

358 village level water purification units started. More than one lakh households are taking pure drinking water every day.

Agriculture equipment renting centers

164 agriculture equipment renting centers started with support from Govt. of Karnataka. 17 lakh farmers benefitted.

Hindu Rudrabhoomi

595 village level crematoriums supported with body burning chambers.

Best wishes from The Trustees, Management, Staff and Stakeholders of Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (R.).